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MINUTES:

of the 5th regular meeting of the 88th SRC held on Wednesday 1st June 2016. Meeting held in the Professorial Board Room, Quadrangle

A. Meeting open at 6:30 pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chair moved that Georgia Mantle be elected Deputy Chairperson.
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

B. Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Sydney Students' Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land (Sydney), the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We stand on this land today as beneficiaries of an uncompensated and unreconciled dispossession that occurred over 200 years ago. Many of the descendants of those dispossessed live just down the road in abject poverty, and as young people it is important to recognise how this history of dislocation and disenfranchisement has contributed to the inequality we observe in modern society. We acknowledge both our privilege and our obligation to redress the situation as best we can: to remember the mistakes of the past, act on the problems of today, and build a future for everyone who now calls this place home, striving always for genuinely practical and meaningful reconciliation.

C. Apologies, Proxies and Leaves of Absence

Apologies were received from:

Louisa Bochner
Dimitry Palmer
Lorena White
Ilya Klauzner
Chris Warren
David Hogan
Siobhan Ryan
Jenna Schroder
Justine Landis- Hanley
Tina Huang

Vanessa Song
Anna Hush-Egerton

Proxies

Dimitry Palmer to Alex Fitton
Ilya Klauzner to Chloe Smith
Chris Warren to Isabella Pykta
David Hogan to Alex Vustyan
Lorena White to Claudia Gulbransen-Diaz
Siobhan Ryan to Cameron Caccamo
Jenna Schroder to Harry Gregg
Tina Huang to Evan Jones

Motion to accept the apologies and proxies
Moved: Michael Elliott
Seconded: Sean Tingcombe
The motion was put and CARRIED.

D. Changes to Membership

E. Electoral Report

E1. Consideration of any resignations

Jamie Rusiti resigns as Vice President.

Motion to accept the resignations.
Moved: Isabella Brook
Seconded: Monique Newberry
The motion was put and CARRIED.

F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of 88th SRC Council held on Wednesday the 4th May 2016 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the Wednesday the 4th May 2016 be accepted.
Moved: Isabella Brook
Seconded: Dylan Williams
The motion was put and CARRIED.

G. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business for this item.

H. Question Time of 15 minutes, which may be extended by resolution for a further 15 minutes.

Michael Elliott: How did Jamie get pre-selected and then elected when he has shown such contempt for this organisation.

Monique Newberry: Personal issues arose which were not a thing when he was elected.

Michael Elliott: Why didn't he apologise?

Monique Newberry: I've spoken to him about that but I can't judge.

Chloe Smith: He sent apologies till March.

Michael Elliott: I welcome his resignation

I. Visitor's Business

There was no business for this item.

J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

K. Elections

K1. Election of one standing legal committee member (non cis-male)

No one nominated for the position.

L. Report of the President and Executive

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 21st April 2016

Motion: that the minutes of the executive meetings from 21st April 2016 be accepted.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Dylan Williams

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

L2. Report of the Executive

Report of the executive from the 4th May to the 5th June 2016.

The report was circulated and noted.

The President deferred the Chair to the Deputy Chairperson.

L3. President's Report

Chloe Smith tabled a written report:

A lot of the work I've been doing over the last month or so has been around the 2016-2020 Strategic Plan and the sexual harassment and assault survey/media.

Myself and representatives from SUPRA and the USU, as well as other student organisations, had a meeting with the VC, the Provost, and other members of university management at the end of April about the Strategic Plan. This was an opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns. We raised student concerns around the faculty mergers, changes to representation on

Senate, staff cuts, the new four-year Bachelor of Advanced Studies, regulation of internship partnerships with corporations, and others. Although these questions didn't necessarily yield much new information it was a good opportunity to make the university aware of the SRC's concerns and oppositions.

I have also raised the SRC's concerns around sexual harassment and assault on campus. Myself and other members of the safer campus working group have lobbied for many months since our first (and so far only) meeting this year for the survey results to be publicly released and for a follow up meeting. The urgency of this increased in light of the revelations of disrespectful and sexist behaviour at Wesley and St Andrews college. The survey results have been released and another meeting has been scheduled for the end of June.

At the SCC meeting last week, I raised these issues with the VC and Deputy VC (Registrar). In particular, I emphasised the importance of student input and consultation when dealing with these issues.

I've also had meetings with representatives from the Sex Discrimination Commission, the Australian Human Rights Commission, NUS, and other student unions in NSW to discuss how stakeholders can work together on organising a campaign around these issues.

I've also been following up with the university about Islamophobia on campus, in particular what the university is doing to improve safety, address the concerns of Muslim students, and look at tackling Islamophobia as an issue more broadly. Following a meeting with representatives from SUMSA several weeks ago, I raised these concerns at SCC and also secured a meeting with the head of Student Support Services and SUMSA to discuss this. The university will be funding refurbishments of the damaged prayer room and providing some of the amenities that were damaged or stolen. The \$1000 the SRC pledged to this will instead be redirected to running an anti-Islamophobia awareness and education campaign next semester, which will be informed and directed by Muslim students with support from the SRC.

I have also been working with the General Secretaries on the 2016 budget. In light of our SSAF allocation for this year, which was unfortunately less than we'd hoped for, we have had to make some firm decisions about how funds are allocated between different collectives and departments. This was done in light of spending last year, individual funding submissions, and also whilst taking into account the needs and expenses of the SRC as a whole, including our staff.

I have also been undertaking annual mid-year staff consults to assess staff satisfaction and provide an opportunity to raise concerns with the SRC as a workplace.

In light of our head caseworker taking annual leave later this year, I have also been interviewing for replacement staff within the department and a replacement department head. We also interviewed for the position of Electoral Officer for this year's SRC elections.

Dylan Williams: Is Paulene Graham being paid on the terms passed at last council?

Chloe Smith: Yes

Dylan Williams: Did anyone else apply?

Chloe Smith: No.

Alex Fitton: Were the Interfaith officers notified with regards to the islamophobia campaign?

Chloe Smith: No they weren't.

Motion to accept the report of the President.

Moved: Michael Elliott

Seconded: Dylan Williams

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

There was a request the following votes be noted

Abstentions: Alex Fitton

Against: April Holcombe, Eleanor Morley, Vinil Kumar

M. Report of the Vice-President

There was no report from the Vice President

N. Report of the General Secretaries

Georgia Mantle and Lachlan Ward tabled a written report:

Budget 2016

Summary	
Total Income	\$ 1,836,828.2 2
Total Expenditure	\$ 1,836,377.1 0
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 451.12
Income	
Subscriptions/University Funding	\$ 1,689,174.0 0
Sundry	\$ 50,000.00
Support Membership	\$ 6,000.00

Bookstore gross profit	\$ 40,000.00
Honi Soit	\$ 9,000.00
Reserves for Provision	\$ 42,654.22
Total	\$ 1,836,828.22
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Expenditure	
REPRESENTATION	88th Budget
President/Executive/Council	
Salaries/Wages – Staff	\$ 51,526.87
Superannuation – Staff	\$ 6,572.53
Replacement – Staff	\$ 300.00
Parking	
Subtotal	\$ 58,399.40
Stipend – President	\$ 36,720.00
Superannuation – Stipends	\$ 3,488.40
Subtotal	\$ 40,208.40
Shared Resource pool	\$ 1,500.00
Expenses – Executive Officers	\$ 3,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 4,500.00
National Union of Students	
Affiliation Fees	\$ 63,000.00
Conference – Fees/Travel	\$ 18,000.00
Ed Con	\$ 10,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 91,000.00
Elections	
Salaries/Wages	\$ 44,880.00
Superannuation – Staff	\$ 5,834.40
Ballot Papers	\$ 5,500.00
Expenses – Staff	\$ 800.00
Printing/Stationery/Copying	\$ 700.00
Subtotal	\$ 57,714.40
Indigenous Students Department	\$ 2,000.00

Activities / Gen Sec	
Gen Sec Stipend	\$ 25,500.00
Gen Sec Superannuation	\$ 2,422.50
Subtotal	\$ 27,922.50
Education Department	
Funding	\$ 15,500.00
Education Stipend	\$ 25,500.00
Superannuation Edu Stipd	\$ 2,422.50
Subtotal	\$ 43,422.50
Environment Department	\$ 8,500.00
Ethnic Affairs Department	
Autonomus Collective Against Racism	\$ 3,500.00
Campus Refugee Action Collective	\$ 2,500.00
Global Solidarity Department	\$ 750.00
Overseas Students Department	\$ 2,000.00
Queer Department	\$ 6,500.00
Welfare Department	\$ 3,750.00
Women's Department	
Funding	\$ 4,500.00
Women's Officer Stipend	\$ 25,500.00
Superannuation Women's Stipend	\$ 2,422.50
subtotal	\$ 32,422.50
Social Justice	\$ 500.00
Mature Age	\$ 400.00
Sexual Harrasment	\$ 350.00
Student Housing	\$ 100.00

Radical Education Week	\$ 3,600.00
Net Expenditure/(Surplus)	\$ 389,939.70
GENERAL ACTIVITIES	
Secondhand Bookshop	
Salaries/Wages	\$ 103,118.00
Superannuation – Staff	\$ 13,202.24
Car-parking – Staff	\$ 350.00
Subtotal	\$ 116,670.24
Purchases	\$ 60,000.00
Sales	\$ 100,000.00
<i>Gross Profit</i>	\$ 40,000.00
Postage/Couriers/Freight	\$ 500.00
Printing/Stationery/Copying	\$ 400.00
Repairs/Maint. – Equipment	
Repairs/Maint. – Premises	
Sundry	\$ 300.00
Telephone	
Subtotal	\$ 1,200.00
Orientation Week	
SRC Activities	\$ 1,463.38
SRC–Union Activities	
Stalls	\$ 3,850.00
Subtotal	\$ 5,313.38
Net Expenditure/(Surplus)	\$ 123,183.62
WELFARE	
Welfare Liaison Officer (Satellites)	
Salaries/Wages	\$ 90,868.68
Superannuation – Staff	\$ 11,590.81
Car-parking – Staff	
Sundry	\$ 2,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 104,459.49

Research/Casework	
Salaries/Wages	\$ 395,626.36
Superannuation – Staff	\$ 49,955.65
Sundry	\$ 6,000.00
Replacement – Staff	\$ 500.00
Car-parking – Staff	\$ 700.00
Subtotal	\$ 452,782.01
SRC Legal Centre	
Subtotal	\$ 160,000.00
Net Expenditure/(Surplus)	\$ 717,241.50
PUBLICATIONS	
General	
Salaries/Wages	\$ 87,878.45
Superannuation – Staff	\$ 11,209.37
Replacement – Staff	\$ 250.00
Training – Staff	\$ 1,000.00
Sundry	\$ 1,000.00
Car-parking – Staff	\$ 350.00
Subtotal	\$ 101,687.82
Honi Soit	
Salaries/Wages – Staff	\$ 6,120.00
Car Allowance – Staff	
Superannuation – Staff	\$ 795.60
Workers Compensation – Staff	
Stipend – Editors	\$ 44,880.00
Superannuation – Editor Stipends	
Expenses – Editors	\$ 8,000.00
Launch – Publication	
Printing – Publication	\$ 37,455.00
Subtotal	\$ 97,250.60
Handbooks	
Printing Oweek + Counter course+ Growing Strong	\$ 7,373.47

Net Expenditure/(Surplus)	\$ 206,311.89
INFRASTRUCTURE	
Administration	
Salaries/Wages	\$ 265,040.86
Superannuation – Staff	\$ 33,659.53
Workers Compensation – Staff	\$ 12,000.00
Parking	
Audit Fees	\$ 18,000.00
Bank Charges	\$ 3,000.00
Cleaning / Pest Control	\$ 1,000.00
Insurance – General	\$ 7,500.00
GIC	
Postage/Couriers/Freight	\$ 1,500.00
Printing/Stationery/Copying	\$ 17,000.00
Repairs/Maint. – Equipment	\$ 500.00
Sundry	\$ 500.00
Soundproofing	\$ 17,000.00
Telephone/Facsimile	\$ 7,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 383,700.39
Information Technology Services	
Consultants	\$ 3,000.00
Computers Equip & Accessories	\$ 3,000.00
Consumable Items	
Insurance – IT Equipment	
Software Service Agreement	\$ 3,000.00
Printing/Stationery/Copying	
Repairs/Maint. – IT Equipment	
Casework Database	\$ 5,000.00
Software	\$ 2,000.00
Computer/PhotoC Leasing	
Sundry	
Subtotal	\$ 16,000.00
Net Expenditure/(Surplus)	\$ 399,700.39

Student Representative Council Budget Notes for 2016.

Attached is the report the budget that we along with Chloe and Chitra have prepared for the 88th Student Representative Council. We would like to preface this budget by reiterating what has already been said in regards to our SSAF allocation which is that we did not get the amount that we asked for the increase in funding we received was minimal when we consider CPI increase.

In putting together this budget we sought direct consultation with all departments of the SRC. As was previously stated in past council reports we sent out funding proposal templates to Officer Bearers to request funds and include justification for funding. After we received the funding request we noted requests that overlapped and redirect that funding into the shared resource pool. While there are some reductions to the allocated funding to collectives from last year there has not be a reduction from the amount that collectives actually spent last year.

Radical Education Week is an initiative that was created by a number of SRC Officer Bearers early this year. The funding allocation put towards this event is inline with the motion that was passed at last council to fund the event. A number of Collectives requested funding for this event so we created one separate budget line with money from collectives and funding more broadly.

We have lowered the amount of funds in the Shared Resource Pool in line with requests for resources from this pool and to reflect how much was spent from this pool last year.

\$17,000 has been budgeted for soundproofing for the casework and legal service offices, in order to preserve client confidentiality. We have been in ongoing discussions with the university about getting the funding for it from the Capital Sinking Fund. If we receive this money, this can go back into the SRC's reserves to ensure the long time viability of our organisation.

The current casework policy manager, James Campbell, has decided to take his much deserved long service leave and other entitlements, and thus the SRC will have to cover both these entitlements and his replacement for the time period. The money for this, will be coming from the SRC's reserves, reflecting the nature of this expense, with the reserves being designed for this purpose.

The increased demands for the SRC Legal Service reflects the success of the SRC at being able to promote this service to students, and increased awareness of it by the student body. As such we have seen it fit to increase our principal solicitor to full time from 9 days a fortnight, with Thomas currently working unpaid on every second Friday. Furthermore, the auditor recommends the creation of a technology database in order to better track legal cases and for taxation requirements. We have therefore budgeted for this accordingly.

As talked about in previous councils, USYD is hosting the National Union of Students' Education Conference and therefore money is being allocated to hosting it. SUPRA, the University and USU have all agreed to provide some form of money or in donation in kind, which has been greatly appreciated in reducing the pressure on the SRC's budget. The amount that we have given represents the maximum the SRC will be giving, and could be adjusted following future talks with these organisations.

We have continued to fund our affiliation to the National Union of Students, representing our commitment to both unionism and the importance of this organisation in protecting and fighting for student rights.

We have worked very hard to ensure that this budget does not run into a deficit. This is an important factor in ensuring the future prosperity of the organisation.

Sean: where does the income come from?

Georgia: This is from advertising, it's based on the past income, it's decreased in recent years and we are looking on how to increase this.

Sean: this isn't income

Georgia:

Sean Tingcombe: the bookstore cost is at \$40,000 but there is nothing for rent? Are we not paying rent?

Georgia Mantle: We went to the university about the face we would need more money for that, we've not got more that there was

Sean Tingcombe: no changes in staffing cost?

Lachlan Ward: historically that's never been the case we saw no need to change it

Cameron Caccamo: Sundry? Where is that from?

Lachlan Ward: Interest from reserves.

Jaden Harris: There seems to be no mention of remodelling the bookshop is that something that can save money?

Georgia Mantle: We looked into that, we found out it would have to cost more than what we have now as we don't have the infrastructure or someone who can manage it.

Dylan Williams: I'm a bit more pessimistic on this budget, will this save us money?

Lachlan Ward: Yes but that is a long way off.

Dylan Williams: Will we be staying there till the last student leaves?

Georgia Mantle: Yes we will.

Dylan Williams: Did staff request anything that is being denied? Also we got the lowest amount, what is the reasoning behind everyone's allocation?

Georgia Mantle: We did talk to casework about the new database last year it was budgeted for but didn't happen, their budget reflects that this will be there, there was nothing denied to staff.

In terms of our decision of where funding went, we decided from the funding requests we received.

Dylan Williams: This is actually significantly less than we asked for, it's the same funding as we got last year and we have been quite active this year.

Georgia Mantle: We also considered that the welfare department is getting a lot more active than in the past.

Eleanor Morley: In the past people have tried to get rid of the smallest departments even though they've been really active this year there is little to no budget.

Lachlan Ward: It was taken into consideration we got a smaller SSAF amount.

Georgia Mantle: I've brought up the budget request, things that they budgeted for were calico and paint, and like I said before things like that are better going into the shared resource pool, so that's where the money would have gone instead of their budget.

Michael Elliott: Eleanor touched on this, but I'd like to ask about why Environment department got the second most funding? What is the justification behind that, when others get substantially less?

Georgia Mantle: It was a very detailed funding request. And yes we took into account their activity, and seemed inline with what we've done in the past.

Lachlan Ward: It has had a decrease in funding, and others were increased, it is one of our

most active collectives.

Cameron Caccamo: Why is parking blank?

Georgia Mantle: That should have been taken out. The President isn't requesting a parking space they why it doesn't cost anything.

Dylan Griffiths: In defence of the environment collective they are incredibly active and take students out on road trips and are heavily engaged in the community and put on a lot of events.

Jaden Harris: Why are we paying for 2 audits? And I'd like to see more money go to the environment collective.

Georgia Mantle: The SRC Legal Service is separate and so need their own audit.

Sean Tingcombe: This seems too small to hire people?

Georgia Mantle: It's for job advertising.

Sean Tingcombe: Why is student housing only \$100 what is the point?

Georgia Mantle: That is for printing should they want to run a campaign, we didn't get much from them it can be moved to elsewhere if not used.

Just wanted to address what I assume was a joking comment from before the meeting. The reduction to the Indigenous department is not because I hate Indigenous student department, I'm one of their Officer Bearers. It reflects spending, and we have sought external sponsorship, the university has backed one of our substantial costs the Indigenous Games so we saved a lot of money there.

Alex Fitton: Will the Council congratulate the General Secretaries on their fiscal conservatism? Will the Liberal party expect more funding like they did last month?

Georgia Mantle: We will not be funding a political party; it is against our SSAF agreement. The context of that comment was from a comment made by Alex Fitton at the last meeting where he noted that money approved for April Holcombe to buy a ticket to a Liberal party event to find the date and location of it so they could organise a protest at the event.

Dylan Williams: I think it is ok that we haven't increased NUS but glad we stay affiliated considering our financial situation. Did you think we had too many departments while doing this budget?

Georgia Mantle: We didn't really think about that when we were doing the budget, I do think there is a lot of cross over in areas but they are doing different things.

Chloe Smith: Are there any more questions?

Isabella Brook: comment here – congratulations on a fantastic budget and anyone else how helped

Georgia Mantle: Thank you to Chitra

CLAPPING

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

Moved: Monique Newberry

Seconded: Cameron Caccamo

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

N1. Report of the Standing Legal Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Standing Legal Committee held on the 6 June 2016 were circulated.

Cameron Caccamo: A lot of these motions are what were put up to last council; there shouldn't be too many issues.

There are OB's who have not submitted reports and that this screws the Honi editors around and you are required to write them.

Georgia Mantle: The schedule is in the SRC Facebook page – please contact me if you don't have access. If there are issue please let the editors know and they will be happy to accommodate, if you can't do your report let people know, don't make them chase you.

Motion: that the minutes of the Standing Legal Committee meeting be accepted.

Moved: Monique Newberry

Seconded: Cameron Hawkins

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O. Report of Committees and Officers

O1. Report of the Education Officers

Dylan Griffiths and Liam Carrigan tabled a written report:

With the end of semester in sight, it's been a quieter month for the department. However, the struggle never ends so bellow is a brief outline of our activities.

May 11th NDA

The NDA was a relative success. Although we drew a relatively small crowd it was not for lack of building effort and it was a wonderful demonstration due to the vibrant energy. The excellent speeches, Greens BBQ and a successful art installation We organized with Mel and Loretta from SCA that turned the stage into a graveyard for higher education made a great start. Unfortunately the protest was marred by police violence and brutality as they clashed quite horrifically with us and refused to allow us to march on the road. However the

solidarity between students was very inspiring. After the protest we had drinks at Bar Broadway and discussed the future of the campaign with eager new student activists. Ultimately, the student movement needs to mobilize against Turnbull's 2 billion in cuts to higher education and determine how to build big demonstrations following the delay of full fee deregulation.

Education Conference

Dylan and myself attended organizing meetings for Education Conference. Dylan suggested plenary topics which were adopted by Max and Liam has contacted the SRC Publications managers to do design work. Liam is concerned about the poor organizing of the conference and have found the entire ordeal stressful.

Liam has organized for the USU to provide subsidies. For activists who are not access members I will be organizing limited SRC subsidies.

EAG

The EAG has continued to meet regularly and remains an active, cooperative space. Liam helped the NTEU promote their Federal Election forum and we have decided that a good way to intervene in the election is to continue our snap protests against the liberals.

NUS Campaign

Liam has been in contact with Aislinn Stein-Magee, who has put together a proposal for a new NUS campaign to be run in second semester following the election. I edited the proposal and think its great that the education officers across NSW have developed such a great working relationship.

SCA

We have been in close contact with current SCA students and alumni At a recent meeting the provost confirmed the closure. Dylan has been in close contact with the CPSU over the closure

Restructure

Dylan has designed a leaflet on the strategic plan and has been in contact Greek society who are concerned that the Modern Greek major is being scrapped. Dylan is helping organising a townhall style meeting with EcopSoc and Adam Morton about the cutting of the BPESS.

Justine Amin: Have we conceded putting forward working with the NTEU on the NUS put the Liberals last campaign? It's a non-party specific campaign.

Liam Carrigan: We will be going to the NTEU Secretary and talking to them about it.

Eleanor Morley: There is not reason to believe that a Labor government are going to be better at funding education, it was Labor who ended free education, and they are the ones who cut funding that started these deregulation campaigns. At best I don't think we'll see an increase, at worst well see a continuation of defunding. Getting the ALP elected is a fucking joke.

Liam Carrigan: I think it is important to have a discussion about this with the EAG, I share a lot of the concerns that Eleanor Morley has raised

Dylan Griffiths: I just wanted to say that I'm quite political and can tell people to put the Liberals last, and I've been doing that on my weekends campaigning for the Greens.

Justine Amin: NDA's are about fighting the Liberals Deregulation campaign. This needs to be fought in marginal seats where the election is. Campaigning in Sydney is all well and good but it's not going to change the election.

Alex Fitton: Absolutely agree that you can join the liberal can campaigning in marginal seats this weekend.

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

Moved: Cameron Caccamo

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O2. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

Vanessa Song tabled a written report:

The women of colour collective is currently in the process of formalising a constitution and regulations.

The collective is modeling these changes upon the similar frameworks existing within the women's collective. When finalised, the constitution will have elements of formal regulation like strict guidelines surrounding elections of office bearers as well as ideals, values and campaigns that the collective supports.

The inter-collective workshop has had a rough start in its beginnings but is being formulated and discussed by multiple OBs of different collectives, it is expected to launch next semester.

A condemnation motion was also moved at the last collective meeting of King St Theatre and its racist and discriminatory treatment of the cast and crew of ACAR revue. The collective seeks to condemn the theatre for its inherently racist comments made to one of the ACAR OBs over text message.

An end of semester picnic is also being planned by collective OBs it will be a non-autonomous dry-event, so those that are interested are invited to come along.

Cameron Caccamo: I was wondering why there was no report in Honi Soit; there is a report for council but not one for Honi?

Vanessa Song: I was not aware it was due this week.

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

Moved: Michelle Picone

Seconded:

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

03. Report of the Sexual Harassment Officers

Olivia Borgese tabled a written report:

This semester and the past few weeks in particular have seen the issue of sexual harassment and assault receive significant media attention, which has reinforced the need for reform and change. Although recent events such as the Wesley 'RackWeb' publication have been 'scandalized' – we need to remember that these incidents are not 'scandals', but rather commonplace occurrences that for far too long have been silenced.

I can only speak for myself as one of Sexual Harassment Officers as I have had little to no engagement with the other 3 officers. A few weeks ago, Anna Hush, one of the wom*n's officers and I attended a workshop run by the Rape and Domestic Violence Crisis Centre in Balmain which was secondary training to the Responding with Compassion workshop we attended last year. This training was vital in learning how to respond to someone disclosing an experience of sexual harassment and/or assault. This type of training is extremely important, as many studies have shown that the first response a person who has experienced an assault receives when they first disclose what has happened shapes their recovery. If a person who has experienced a gendered or sexualised assault or violence discloses this information to someone who does not have the framework or tools to respond, this can often lead to victim blaming and in some cases, the person who has had this awful experience will never tell their story again. I have found this training extremely useful, and use the skills that I have learnt when I respond to students who email the SRC Sexual Harassment Officer email address asking for advice on where they can seek support. Anna and I included some of the Responding with Compassion tips by Rape and DV Australia and the Full Stop Foundation in this year's edition of Wom*n's Honi to share those tips with others. I would however recommend that all future Sexual Harassment Officers, Wom*n's Officers and Queer Officers undertake this training at the start of their role.

I have been heavily involved in the Wom*n's collective and a few weeks ago, Anna and I organised and hosted a discussion group on sexual harassment and assault with other interested students about the causes of gendered harassment, assault and violence and the social constructs that shape our experiences of such issues. I also attended the Wesley College Protest to put pressure on the college to release the names of the editors of the journal and show support to the students that have been brave enough to share their stories.

On Thursday the 26th of May, I attended the screening of the Hunting Ground which was organised by Anna, the Wom*n's Officer to highlight the prevalence of sexual harassment and assault on university campuses which was a great success. The Vice Chancellor was a member of the panel and I took the opportunity to ask him about the current 'Students

Complaint Form' on the Student Affairs section on the University website. This form is another example of the University's 'streamlined' services, where Students are directed to lodge academic complaints, as well as incidents of sexual harassment and assault on campus which is inappropriate and inadequate, especially when the form asks you whether you have attempted to resolve the matter informally and the steps you have taken yourself. Bringing this to the Vice Chancellor's attention revealed that he had no knowledge of the complaint form – which will hopefully lead to a restructure and reform of the University's response to such complaints.

Lastly, I have made posters that draw attention to the dangerous nature of oppressive jokes – which target not just sexist jokes, but ableist, transphobic, religious, queerphobic and inappropriate jokes about a person's background. I have been putting them up around campus and I have plenty of spares if anyone would like some!

Michelle Picone: I think that what has been going on has been really great, and I'd like to commend Olivia on her amazing work. It's been a good year for this department as there has been a light shone on the issue by the university and the media. I think that it's a really important that we make the most of this.

Liam Carrigan: I think this is one of the best and most important campaigns happening right now. I think that the Wesley protest was one of the most powerful protests I've been to it got really good coverage and it was an incredibly peaceful protest. I hope there is significant cultural change on this.

Georgia Mantle: I would like to congratulate the sexual harassment officer and women's officer for this campaign. I accompanied Chloe to SCC, we spoke about a number of issue including the failed *The Hunting Ground* screening, and the Vice Chancellor agreed it was incompetence glad to have him admit what we know. We also raised that we need to have a proper reporting system which we don't have. It was disappointing to have Michael Spence talk about the new amazing call line support and then be informed it was only for staff, then be told by Jordi Austin that the first place to go to for students is 1800 RESPECT which is an external call centre.

Cameron Caccamo: I asked this of the last officer – this was a good report and clearly a busy month but there was still no Honi report? Is there something we can do to make sure these are met?

Olivia Borgese: I wasn't aware I had a report due.

Liam Carrigan: I think that last year Honi did a really good job of letting people know.

Georgia Mantle: That's not the editors' job, and there is a spread sheet on the office bearers Facebook page that has when your reports are due, if you can't access that you should contact me.

Monique Newberry: I think the officers have been doing a really good job and we are getting

to the point where we are getting enough legitimate attention to put something through. I encourage that people give any support they can to this campaign.

Motion: that the report of the Sexual Harassment Officers be accepted.

Moved: Monique Newberry

Seconded: Dylan Griffiths

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

P. Special Business

There were no items of special business.

Q. Motions of Notice

Q1. Changes to the regulations Part 8 section 5

Current regulations:

- (a) The nominations of all candidates shall be signed by members of the student body. A candidate for the position of President shall be nominated by ten students who are members of the student body.
- (b) All candidates must have paid any required affiliation or nomination fee to council by at least two (2) working days after the close of nominations, as specified in the notice of elections.
- (c) The Electoral Officer may reject any nomination which has not been received by the date and time specified by the notice of election, or which does not comply with the regulations.
- (d) If the nomination has been received on time, but does not comply with the regulations in terms of part 8 section 5 (b), the returning officer shall at once notify the affected party of the relevant issue.
- (e) If the nomination does not comply with regulations Part 8 section 5 (b), the affected party shall have up to 2 working days after the notification from the returning officer to rectify the issue.
- (f) All nominations and policy statements must be typewritten or written legibly preferably in block letters.

Proposed changes:

- (a) **The lodged hard copy nomination of all candidates shall be an original document signed by members of the student body.** A candidate for the position of President shall be nominated by ten students who are members of the student body.
- (b) All candidates must have paid any required affiliation or nomination fee to council by at least two (2) working days after the close of nominations, as specified in the notice of elections.

- (c) The Electoral Officer may reject any nomination which has not been received by the date and time specified by the notice of election, or which does not comply with the regulations.
- (d) **If the nomination complies and meets the form of a valid nomination and has been received on time but requires minor correction of information the returning officer shall at once notify the affected party of the relevant issue.**
- (e) If the nomination does not comply with regulations Part 8 section 5 (b), the affected party shall have up to 2 working days after the notification from the returning officer to rectify the issue.
- (f) **As well as the original signed hard copy all nominations and policy statements must also be lodged online before the close of nomination time.**

Moved: Cameron Caccamo

Seconded: Monique Newberry

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q2. Remove all remaining mentions of the SRC notice boards from Part 8 of the regulations

Current regulations:

Part 8, section 25, (a), (i)

On at least one SRC noticeboard within seventy two (72) hours of the counting of the votes being completed

Proposed changes:

Part 8, section 25, (a),(i)

On **the SRC's front wall** within seventy two (72) hours of the counting of the votes being completed

Current Regulations:

Part 8, section 29, (c)

If no grounds exist for the notification of the ELA, the Electoral Officer shall declare elected the person or persons successful by publishing a notice to that effect on at least one SRC noticeboard. A similar notice shall be published in the next two issues of Honi Soit.

Proposed Changes:

Part 8, section 29, (c)

If no grounds exist for the notification of the ELA, the Electoral Officer shall declare elected the person or persons successful by publishing a notice to that effect on **the front wall of the SRC**. A similar notice shall be published in the next two issues of Honi Soit.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Michael Elliott

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q3. Solidarity with the Nuit Debout Movement

Preamble

In March this year in France, protests erupted against the government's proposed attacks on the labour code. The labour code contains a range of basic protections of workers rights. These savage attacks would get rid of the code, paving the way for lower wages, longer work hours and more precarious work. Overtime rates would be cut, unfair dismissal rights removed, and compensation payments for sacked workers slashed.

The first response to these attacks was an online petition that gained more than one million signatures. Student organisations and unions then called two general strike days for the 9th and 31st March. The 9th March saw 400,000 taking to the streets across France. On the 31st, the numbers had grown exponentially with over 1 million protesting. It was on this day left wing activists decided they would not go home but instead occupy Place de la Republique in Paris. This marked the beginning of the Nuit Debout movement.

The occupation of the square has been maintained despite police clearing the square every morning. Protesters would simply set up their tents again in the afternoon. The movement has also extended connections with different struggles, those at work places, at universities and high schools, with the fight for refugee rights, that of homeless demonstrations and actions against the big banks.

University and high school students have played a crucial role in maintaining the daily protests, and in occupying the square. There are many similarities with the Occupy movement, however Nuit Debout differs in that it also has a strong working class involvement. The movement has spread across France, with Nuit Debout being organised in about 60 cities and over 70 percent of the population opposing the government's attacks. Nuit Debout has also spread to Belgium.

It is notable that this attack is being launched by the social democratic government, the Socialist Party with President Francois Hollande at its head. They have proven they have the interest of the bosses at heart, which inevitably means launching reforms aimed at decreasing worker's wages and conditions for the sake of profit. While the trigger for the protests were the attacks on the labour code, the movement should be understood within a context of growing dissatisfaction with the government, the struggle for refugee rights and the opposition to the state of emergency declared after the 13 November attacks.

Platform

1. The SRC condemns the Socialist Party government's proposal to dismantle the labour code and greatly reduce the rights of workers in France.
2. The SRC stands in solidarity with the Nuit Debout movement.
3. The SRC recognises mass action as the only effective strategy to combat the attacks, strikes, protests etc.

4. The SRC opposes all attacks on the working class and recognises that these are made in the interest of the bosses and profiteering.

Actions

1. The SRC will publish a statement of solidarity with the Nuit Debout movement through its social media channels

The SRC will in a show of solidarity have 50 pizzas delivered to activists Place de Republique, along with a note of support for the movement.

Chloe Rafferty: I hope people have been following this movement. It's really important fight against neoliberalism. François Hollande put in a state of emergency to try push through a number of policies that affect the French working class making it easier to fire people and also to cut funding. There have been strikes, and as a result of them there is a serious lack of petrol, this has ground to a halt French capitalism. It has now expanded to Belgium. The student movement there is something we can learn from. They are occupying their schools and universities. This is an important motion and sending pizza has become a sign of solidarity across the globe, with people in Egypt sending pizza to striking workers in Wisconsin and so on.

April Holcombe: This is happening under a socialist party government that many were excited to see come to power, and that hope has been broken. Hollande is now the most unpopular president who is using his executive powers to push people around, and people are fighting back.

Lachlan Ward: How do you send them the pizzas? Also have you asked any departments where it would be coming from?

Chloe Smith: Sean Tingcombe learn to raise your hand.

Sean Tingcombe: If you take this out of the Environment Department's budget I will support this.

Dylan Griffiths: How do we get them the pizzas?

Georgia Mantle: I guess my comment is – have you contacted the people involved in the campaign? Is this something that they would need or want?

Eleanor Morley: This is something that student unions have been doing for years it's just a small sign of solidarity.

Dylan Griffiths: Can we make one of the pizzas gluten free?

Procedural to move straight to a vote

Moved: Dylan Williams

Seconded: Michael Elliot

Motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Moved: Kim Murphy

Seconded: April Holcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q4. Justice for Palestine, support the Nakba day rally.

Preamble

The Nakba (“Catastrophe”) refers to the forced removal of Palestinian people from Palestine after the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948. Since then, Nakba day has been held on 15 May to recognise the displacement of the Palestinian people, over 4 million of whom are still refugees without the right to return to their homeland. The Palestine Action Group in Sydney has organised a rally at Town Hall on Sunday 15 May at 1pm to commemorate 68 years since the Nakba.

Platform

1. The SRC supports the rights of the Palestinian people, including the right of return and right to self-determination.

Action

1. The SRC endorses the upcoming Nakba day rally on Sunday May 15th, 1PM at Town Hall.
2. The SRC encourages all office bearers, councillors and collective members to attend.
3. The SRC will share the Facebook event for the rally through the SRC Facebook page, and all office bearers are encouraged to share it through the collectives they administer.

The SRC, its office bearers and their collectives are encouraged to sign up to the Thunderclap for the rally.

April Holcombe: This rally has passed not but it is important that the council show it's support

Liam Garman: It is amazing that we can speak about the injustices that Palestine faces, but not that since 1948 Jews have been forced to move out of their homes in other Arab Countries.

Chloe Smith: If you want you can add that as an amendment.

Liam Garman: Yes I'd like to add that

April: It's not amenable

Moved: Declan Maher

Seconded: April Holcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q5. Removal of Jamie Rusiti from the position of Vice President.

The executive request to council that Jamie Rusiti be removed from his position as Vice President, as he has failed to attend any meetings of the executive, or to send apologies for any since March.

The motion was **WITHDRAWN**.

(As Jamie Rusiti's resignation was accepted earlier in the meeting)

Q6. Changes to Part 8, section 7, (c)

Current Regulations

Part 8, section 7, (c)

The name of any group shall not exceed thirty letters in length.

Proposed Changes

Part 8, section 7, (c)

The name of any group shall not exceed thirty **characters** in length.

Moved: Dylan Williams

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Procedural Motion: That the council move to Agenda Item R1.

Moved: Eleanor Morley

Seconded: April Holcombe

Motion was put and **CARRIED**.

R1. Solidarity with Roz Ward and Safe Schools

Preamble:

In February of this year, an inquiry commenced into the Safe Schools program, a program designed to promote inclusive and safe environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students in Australian schools. The "inquiry" was put forth by Malcolm Turnbull after an hysterical campaign by the triumvirate of the Australian newspaper, the Australian Christian Lobby, and key Liberal Party members, who likened the program to "paedophile child grooming".

The inquiry found nothing wrong with the Safe Schools program, but the government nonetheless went ahead with restricting the content, denying access to the program for

primary school students, and ending federal funding at the end of next year. Given that the Victorian state government has pledged to roll the program out in its original form to every school in the state and to ensure it is fully funded, anti-LGBTI bigots are maintaining their attacks despite a substantial win for them following the inquiry in March.

A key part of the homophobic and transphobic offensive against the program has been relentless personal attacks against Roz Ward, one of the program's co-founders and a coordinator in Victoria. Roz Ward is an academic at La Trobe university and a delegate for the National Tertiary Education Union. The Australian newspaper alone has written more words on Roz Ward and Safe Schools than in the average honours thesis. Ward's personal political views, which are wholly independent of the program, have been used as an argument to scrap both Ward and the program.

In the past few days, Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham, and former Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett have both demanded that Roz Ward step down from her role. Kennett has used his position at Beyond Blue to threaten to withhold its funding to the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society at La Trobe University, which administers the Safe Schools program. "As chairman of the board I would oppose and argue against funding any research of which she was a contributing researcher," Mr Kennett said. Birmingham has called for Ward to step down from the national steering committee for the Safe Schools program Australia-wide.

Ward was made to resign from a state government advisory body for a light hearted critique of the symbolism of the Australian flag. These personal views were expressed on her private Facebook profile but the Australian newspaper invaded her private space to continue their attack.

Platform

1. The SRC is committed to academic freedom and freedom of speech.
2. The SRC opposes the right of employers to sack or discipline workers for their personal political beliefs.
3. The Sydney University SRC stands in solidarity with Roz Ward against sustained personal attacks and harassment and recognises this as an attack on the Safe Schools program as a whole.
4. The SRC congratulates Roz Ward for her work in founding and coordinating the Safe Schools program.

Action

1. The SRC will take a photo immediately following the passing of the motion to show solidarity with Roz Ward and Safe Schools.

Moved: April Holcombe (Welfare Officer)

CARREID Seconded: Evan Jones (Queer Officer)

April Holcombe: Roz Ward's personal Facebook was used to fire her. This is an attack on workers rights and LGBTI students.

Evan Jones: I think this is a really unfair

Dylan Griffiths: What are the platform and action point?

Secretary to council read out the platform and action point to council.

Liam Carrigan: This is a pretty horrible attack on Roz ward and I would encourage councillors to support this motion.

Q7. ANU STAFF CUTS

Preamble

On the 25th of February 2016 the management at the Australian National University (ANU) released the Change Management Plan to disestablish the School of Culture, History and Language (CHL) in the College of Asia and the Pacific. The school is made up of academics from a range of disciplines who apply their expertise to the Asia Pacific region. In July 2015 the school had 95 staff, 65 of whom were on continuing contracts. The Plan initially recommended creating a new school with roughly only 34 continuing staff while transferring tenured staff teaching 'Lesser-Taught Languages' onto fixed term 3 year contracts.

The staff and the many post-graduate and undergraduate students that it will affect have held meetings, protests and written letters in opposition to the changes. They have secured some wins, including around the short-term contracts. However, earlier this month the Dean gave notice to staff who are to lose their jobs.

Sydney University is now also going through a restructure. The thrust of the 'Change Management Plan' at the ANU provides some insights for us as to what management at universities in Australia believe change means.

Platform

1. We stand in solidarity with the staff and students at the ANU fighting the Change Management Plan
2. We condemn the ANU management for the dismissals of academics that will impact on research and teaching in the field of Asia Pacific studies throughout Australia
3. We call on the ANU management to reverse the decision to cut staff and subjects
4. We call on the ANU management to ensure job security

Actions

1. The SRC will share a statement written by the Education Officers through Facebook.

2. The SRC president will send a letter to ANU VC Brian Schmidt informing him of this motion.

Moved: Dylan Griffiths

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q8. Refugee Rally June 19th

Preamble

The last few months have seen rapid growth in the refugee movement with the #Letthemstay campaign keeping 267 refugees from being sent to the Gulags of Manus and Nauru.

We need to take this further and send a clear message to both major parties that we want Manus and Nauru closed, we want an end to offshore processing and we want the refugees currently in detention brought here.

The June 19 rally is a great opportunity to send this message demanding and demand an end to bipartisan cruelty.

Platform

1. The SRC opposes the detention of refugees and offshore processing.

Actions

1. The SRC endorses the on June 19, 1PM Town Hall and encourages all office bearers and councilors to attend.

2. The SRC will share the Refugee Action Coalition's event via Facebook.

Dylan Griffiths: This fits with what we have moved in the past

Georgia Mantle: There is more we can do I think we should all come to the rally

Eleanor Morley: I think that one of the worst things about the election is that both major parties support the torturous conditions Australia is subjecting refugees to. Including those from the ALP Left.

Moved: Dylan Griffiths

Seconded: Georgia Mantle

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q9. Blacktown Rally against Racism

Preamble

The Party for Freedom are holding an action in Blacktown calling for the deportation of the African and Muslim community. The anti fascist action group will be holding a counter action this Saturday.

The Party for Freedom is an extreme right wing group that wants to spread fear in communities and reinstate the white Australia policy. The Party for Freedom advocates for extreme penalties for migrants and Muslims that commit crimes but ignore those committed by white people. In Blacktown, the home of thousands of African migrants, the Party of Freedom wants to spread its hate to turn the community against itself.

Last Saturday far right groupings the United Patriots Front, True Blue Crew, and the Party of Freedom set upon Coburg in Melbourne but were successfully countered by the left and the local community in this protest media and left wing activists were pepper sprayed by police.

Platform

1. The SRC stands in solidarity with the African and Muslim communities of western Sydney.
2. The SRC condemns the Party of Freedom.
3. The SRC expresses well wishes to the members of the left injured by police when countering the far right.

Actions

1. The SRC endorses the upcoming Blacktown rally against racism and encourages all office bearers, councillors and collective members to attend.

Dylan Griffiths: Going out to Blacktown there is a extreme right group who are organising a protest to deport African and Muslim people and there is a call from the anti-fascist organisation to go stand up to these thugs. Part of this motion is that we support left wing activists and the media who were pepper sprayed by police in Melbourne.

Chloe Rafferty: I think it is important that we support these actions and show that you can't ignore the fascism and it will go away. The anti-refugee rhetoric of our government has allowed for these extremist groups to grow. I'm surprised that Dylan [Griffiths] is moving this motion considering that Solidarity has advocated ignoring them [the fascist groups] in the past so I endorse this change. I encourage everyone to come down especially considering the media's hand wringing suggesting that they are just people protecting communities.

Georgia Mantle: They are holding this action in Blacktown, if you were not aware of the history, it got it's name form the number of aboriginal people moved there during the height of the stolen generation. I think it's important to go there considering this history

Liam Carrigan: I think that this is a really import protest to try to get to, and the fascist groups in Australia are quite scary. These people come onto our campuses, and I think it important we take out opposition out to them.

Moved: Dylan Griffiths

Seconded: Chloe Rafferty

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

R. General Business

Motions from the floor

R2. Motion In Support of Marriage Equality Rally

-That the SRC mobilise all councillors and Office Bearers for the pre-election rally on June 25th to put marriage equality and the Safe Schools program on the agenda as a federal election issue

-That all collectives advertise the event from their Facebook pages

-Also note that the Vice Chancellor has failed to support marriage equality as part of the Rainbow Campus campaign and has stated that he does not intend to.

April Holcombe: This is looking to be a really big rally and I think it's time that we can show support for this event and that this is a serious issue that should be on the agenda for the election.

Moved: Marcus Wong

Seconded: April Holcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

The meeting closed at 8:17pm.