



# Students' Representative Council University of Sydney

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**MINUTES** of the **15th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 28th September 2016 in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

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

Apologies: Dylan Griffiths (Education Officer), Siobhan Ryan, Sean Tingcombe.

Absent: Jenna Schroder, Anna Hush-Egerton

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Liam Carrigan

Meeting Opened: 3:24 pm

*\*<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 Dylan Griffiths (Education Officer), Siobhan Ryan and Sean Tingcombe.

The apologies were accepted.

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> September be accepted.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Isabella Brook

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**

There was nothing to report from the WHS Officer.

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

Last few week have been elections. Been working on Special consideration feedback. Been ignored by Tyron Carlin about the panic buttons. Going to be looking at a respect course with the Jewish Museum. Also working with SUMSA on helping them run a campaign. We finally got the invoice for Affiliation to NUS from the General Secretary of NUS. That should go through soon.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Georgia Mantle

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**

Georgia Mantle: At council I talked about lecture recordings I took the concerns raised to the NTEU. They don't have an official stance on lecture recordings. To clarify I'm not suggesting the SRC have a stance on online learning, but I think it's about accessible learning. I've been doing work with Noah Zolman, a fantastic disabilities activist on pushing for better accessible learning.

Anna Hush-Egerton, Chloe Smith, and I have also asked about mandatory consent training.

Lachlan Ward: Still working on the engagement report for council.

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.

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

Melissa de Silva entered the meeting at 3:35

I'd like to ask for 1 extra day a week for Lorna Pringle to work until the end of January. Funding can come from Heathers late start - approx. 21 days that no one was working so that almost no impact. We have funding to do a project, depending on who you ask we have 8-10 weeks, we more ideas than capacity but the biggest challenge is having to train someone up to cover. We are trying to think of someone who doesn't really need training.

Motion: that the report of the Casework and Policy Manager be accepted including the extra working days for Lorna Pringle.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded:

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

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

Thomas entered the meeting at 3:38pm.

SCA campaign is the most important legal case we are handling right now. I've got a 6-page letter response to the general critique. 138 have given us signed authority, first date in NCAT is 6<sup>th</sup> October. I've looked to her a lot for the case as she is an expert, turns out she was also a visual art graduate from SCA.

I've asked them to lobby the SCA Students' Organisation to release \$5000 to help pay the fee for her, if they won't pay then it's \$50 pp for the students.

Chloe Smith: Any update on the sexual assault pro-bono lawyer?

Thomas McLoughlin: We had a meeting with the pro-bono lawyers from Allen's and Clayton Utz. Anna Hush-Egerton and Georgia Mantle were there, what came out of it was there was a dedicated discrimination lawyer at Kingston Legal Centre, we thought this looked like a good idea. The Healthy Sydney University Committee meeting minutes asked our opinion of [the impact of sexual assault], we said that there is a really big impact on students mental health, and that only 1 percent are reporting their assault according to the University's survey. It's worse when nothing happens. We had one matter last year where we got a good outcome for a student and she said it really helped her heal which was really good

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Georgia Mantle

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

## **13. Approval of Payments**

### **13.1. Reimbursements**

Motion: that 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 Education Officers**

Dylan provided a written report.

- Occupation ongoing day 30 something.
- 200 people at September SCA rally
- EAG petition against staff cuts in JFR
- Solidarity with PNG activist Lucielle Paru was good
- Good constant support with unions including Jack Munday coming into the occupation.
- Organizing event for the Student reps to meet with union reps (their recommendation) to foster some better links between the 'student movement' and 'union movement'.

- 48hr strike at SCA from the 6 of October with rally and other disruptions on main campus → it would be great for the SRC and groups involved in the SRC share this via FB
- Proposal: the SRC contribute \$450 towards buses from SCA to main campus needed on 6th of October.

Liam Carrigan: I've been working on rallying people to go to the SCA rally on main campus and help out with main campus students for SCA. We were already planning another 'insipid' style campaign, the NTEU think that the EBA negotiations are going to be even worse next year. In terms of handover I want to make sure that they know about that and also get some help from past education officers who were there at the last one.

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

There was no report from the Women's Officers

### **14.3 Publication Managers**

RE: Honi Soit Opinion Competition Award Night – Thurs 20th October 2016

Each year since 2010 a donor has provided \$3000 for prize money and drinks/catering for the Honi Soit Opinion competition. The awards night for the 2016 Opinion Comp will be held at Two Wolves Cantina on Thursday 20th October. This recurring event has been a huge success and is a great way to increase student engagement and exposure for Honi Soit.

Concurrently at this event, Honi Soit also presents its Annual Writer Awards, for best category writers and artists. We cannot use the donor funds for these prizes, so we ask the SRC to contribute to these prizes and catering. The catering ran out very quickly last year so this year's editors would like to use a larger portion of their discretionary budget to ensure this event is adequately catered. They have been frugal with their use of that budget and have about \$8000 remaining.

Please approve \$2100 total for this event. The funds can come out of the Honi Soit discretionary budget. See below for the budget outline.

Budget (\$3000 from donor + \$2100 from SRC)	Donor	SRC
Food (Supplied by Two Wolves)		\$600
Bar	\$1100	\$1100
OP ED Prizes:	\$1,900	
Honi writer Prizes + Gift for Judge		\$400
	\$3,000	\$2100
Mickie Quick SRC Publications Manager		

Motion: that the report of the Publications Managers be accepted.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

## **15. Other Business**

### **15.1 Staff Leave**

Julia Robins	TIL, 20/10/16, 1 day, 5 hours Annual, 28/10/16, 1 day, 3 hours.
Julie Harrison	Annual, 04/10/16, 1 day, 8 hours
Hani Bawazir	Annual, 22/09/16, ½ day, 3.5 hours Annual, 04/01/17 – 06/01/17, 3 days, 22 hours
Laura Kitsos	Annual, 07/10/16, 1 day, 7 hours Annual, 28/10/16, 1 day 7 hours
Melissa de Silva	Annual, 14/09/16 – 19/09/16, 4 days, 28 hours
Vanessa Sim	Annual, 04/10/16, 1 day, 7 hours
Heather Mabry	TIL, 30/09/16, 1 day, 7 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Lachlan Ward

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

*The meeting was declared closed at 4:00pm*