



# Students' Representative Council University of Sydney

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**MINUTES** of the **17th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 8th November 2016 in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

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**PRESENT:** Chloe Smith (Chair), Anna Hush-Egerton, Georgia Mantle, Isabella Brook and Sean Tingcombe.  
Apologies: Michael Sun, Jenna Schroder, Siobhan Ryan and Lachlan Ward – Georgia Mantle was running late.

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Dylan Griffiths, Chitra Narayanan, Thomas McLoughlin

Meeting Opened: 11:14

*\*^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 Michael Sun, Jenna Schroder, Siobhan Ryan and Lachlan Ward.

The apologies were accepted.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Isabella Brook

Georgia Mantle entered the meeting at 11:16.

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 11<sup>th</sup> October were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> October be accepted.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

## **5. Correspondence**

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

*There was nothing to report from the WH&S Officer*

**7. Report of the President**

Still following up the SEG ED changes that removed us and SUPRA from the committee, I saw Spence at Academic Board and asked him why he did not address any of our concerns in his response to our letter, he didn't seem to know what he had said.

We have interviews for a casual caseworker next week.

After months of nothing the USU has brought the bookshop issue back up, they are kicking us out on the 16<sup>th</sup> December

Staff consults are ongoing; they are going well, nothing new.

Georgia Mantle: did they say when they would elect then? Till it be from the pool of SRC President, SUPRA President and the 2 undergraduates on Academic Board we appoint?

Anna Hush-Egerton: Can they just be appointed by Tony Masters?

Chloe Smith: We are having a meeting with Tony about this soon.

Georgia Mantle: I'm assuming they won't pay them? This is a lot of work and president is pair to do this.

Chloe Smith: I brought this up at the meeting, they suggested that the student should be able to be able to meeting with the president and fill each other in, I said that it put an unnecessary stress on the student to be on top of all the committees with no pay.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**8. Report of the Vice Presidents**

*There was nothing to report from the Vice President.*

**9. Report of the General Secretaries**

I've been organising the budget and seeing where we are at, when pooled together we have \$6000 still available, so we have a little wiggle room for collectives who have gone over their budgets. I've let the collectives know what they've spent and that we can move this money around. My suggestion was that we spend some of this money. We only have one SRC flag we lost one at some point and might want to look into getting another one, also maybe a new banner. These are just things we can think about considering we have this money. Donations might be a nice idea too, I know the Women's Collective were interested in donating to a sexual assault services group and I would like to see some go to a local Indigenous group like Grandmothers Against Removals.

Dylan Griffiths: maybe 3 more licences for OB's for InDesign and Photoshop.

Georgia Mantle: I bought a licences for 1 year and that was a student price and was around \$9 a month.

Dylan Griffiths: Our PA system is really good, we could always get a second one.

Chloe Smith: I know some domestic violence organisations have done work with us in the past.

Anna Hush-Egerton: I was thinking a good organisation is Hey Sis, which is a domestic violence service for indigenous women.

Georgia Mantle: If anything has been brought up please let me know.

Isabella Brook: Annie Zheng mentioned a legal software thing.

Georgia Mantle: I've spoken about that but we chose to put Thomas on an extra day instead. What will happen is this will be out of our executive line so we will be over but the collective budgets will be under.

Sean Tingcombe: getting back to the bookshop. Where would we get the money from?

Georgia Mantle: There are a few places like NUS, but ideally it would be up to the university to give us more money.

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 11:38*

Still following up on the panic buttons not getting any responses to my emails and calls.

Motion for the meeting to move in camera.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The meeting moved in camera at 11:38

The meeting moved ex-camera at 11:40

Motion: that the report of the Administration Manager be accepted.

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Georgia Mantle

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

*There was nothing to report from the WH&S Officer*

**13. Approval of Payments**

**13.2 Reimbursements**

Chloe Rafferty (Global Soli):	\$127.62	Materials for refugee BBQ
Chitra Narayanan (admin):	\$401.32	survey monkey and elections web service fee
Maushmi Power (enviro):	\$10.39	Facebook advertising
Isabella Brook (welfare):	\$638.40	doughnuts for welfare day of action

Georgia Mantle: Perhaps in the future anything over 400 or 500 has to be approved before it's spent

Motion: that the first three reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Motion: that reimbursements of \$638.40 be approved.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Georgia Mantle and Anna Hush-Egerton requested their dissent be noted.

**14. Any Other Reports**

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

- Safer communities working group and the last SCC meeting happened, safer communities was recognised as an official sub committee of SCC.
- Student Affairs are still working on updating the reporting system for sexual assault hopefully it will be good.
- Request \$300 to donate to Hey Sis, an indigenous domestic violence service.
- We'd like to purchase some books for the women's room Library; we would like \$200 for books.

Motion: that the report of the Women's Officers be accepted with all included expenditure.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Georgia Mantle

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**12. SRC Legal Service Report**

Thomas McLoughlin entered the meeting at 12:00

Anna Hush-Egerton left at 12:05

- Publications Managers asked for reports for Annual Reports, here are some of the stats from this year.
  - o 130 Long files for SCA,

- 60 are definite, 60 aren't
- 10 withdrawals from SCA case after October 6<sup>th</sup> protests.
- 343 short matters about the same as last year
- 25-35% international students
- One of the notable things we are doing some telephone hearings interstate as all Australian lawyers are now recognised across states.
- The figures are up till the 1<sup>st</sup> November they may still change.
- Test case for SCA going ahead at the moment with more to come.
- A lot less local court cases to do with student protests than in the past, this is less to do with students not being at protests but with police less likely to arrest students since the 2014 protests where they all got off. There are more internal student conduct cases but they matters without criminal charges.
- Some of our opponants are quite big, one was a bank, on was an international corporation, one was the Roads Maritime Services, an that was a national standard setter, we won that.
- Update on the in principle funding for the Barrister, the SCA Students Society voted to pay the \$5000, but they are yet to do so.
- ALP NSW did a PR video in support of Callan park with SCA in the background.
- Garton doesn't explain funding change plan till Feburary 2017, current plan has a different time line including a formal consultation period yet to occur.

Dylan Griffiths: on losing clients after the October 6<sup>th</sup> protest, there was a bit of strife on social media for it, I stayed out of this but I noticed Thomas took a stand.

Thomas McLoughlin: I exercised some judgement about that. There area those who are deeply aligned with the merger and those who are deeply opposed, and the university are making use of misinformation and worked to dismiss concerns.

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

On October 6<sup>th</sup> we had an action, banner drop and strike day at SCA. I was somewhat involved someone detached tried to stay away from a bit of the strife. Some who were involved in the strike had some problems and we tried to stay out of it.

The occupation of SCA was busted after 65 days. We had a speak out with the PA system which was very good. Thinking about info day actions lots of people getting in touch with us, lots of energy has been demanded. For handover the duty statement should be updated might now tiht and over and the education department is talking and saying it should be separated from the EAG.

*The Secretary to Council pointed out that the education department can't be separated with out changes to the regulations.*

I would be really good to have some more contact with the Office Bearers for next year, we are planning a handover meeting for the 16<sup>th</sup> November.

SCA is looking to be placed in part of Badham or Old Teachers College, this had a lot of complication with putting SCA there and where is already there. The university has to put in a lot of effort, that said there will be have to a merger of some sort.

There is now 20% fewer staff at SCA. While glasswork, printing, and ceramics are no longer going to be cut but at the same time there are around 0.7 full time staff members in the future for what is currently 5 in the department.

EBA is coming up, that will be a challenge for next year.

Georgia Mantle: The Koorie Centre, cultural competency, prayer room and archaeology labs are all there and the plan removes them all from the building. Where will they go?

Dylan Griffiths: The SCA campaign is almost out of money; we are being supported by Unions NSW. We ask for about \$200 for thankyou drinks for their thousands of dollars support. SCA occupation students were handed letters when they were ejected saying if they protest and occupy the SCA again they will be banned from campus and expelled as students, I was sent on in the mail.

Motion: that the report of the Education Officers be accepted with all included expenditure.

Moved: Georgia Mantle

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

## **15. Other Business**

### **15.1 Staff Leave**

Annie Zeng:	Annual, 21/10/16, 24/10/16, 31/10/16, 4/11/16, 4 days, 28 hours. Annual, 20/03/17 – 10/04/17, 15 days, 105 hours. Annual, 02/01/17 – 05/10/17, 4 days, 28 hours.
Amanda LeMay:	Annual, 10/11/16 -11/11/16, 2 day, 17.5 hours.
Laura Kitsos:	Annual, 21/10/16, ¼ day, 2 hours.
Hani Bawazir:	Annual, 03/11/16 – 04/11/16, 2 days, 14.5 hours.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **15.1 NUS Observers**

There was some discussion around how the unofficial observers will be decided.

*The meeting was declared closed at 12:45pm.*