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MINUTES of the 18th meeting of the Executive Committee, 88th SRC, held on 22nd November in the Office Bearers Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Chloe Smith (Chair), Anna Hush-Egerton, Lachlan Ward[^], Siobhan Ryan, Isabella Brook, and Sean Tingcombe.

Apologies: Georgia Mantle, Lachlan Ward, and Michael Sun. No Apologies were received from Jenna Schroder

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance:

Meeting Opened: 11:24

**[^]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, Lachlan Ward and Georgia Mantle.

Motion that the apologies be accepted.

Moved: Siobhan Ryan

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The apologies were accepted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 8th November 2016 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 8th November 2016 be accepted.

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

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

Just a short report. We've had another email from the failed job applicant, which was quite aggressive, it was sent to a number of different organisations as well as us. For safety please don't be in the office alone at any time. We are

looking into getting another door installed to help control access to the office for staff and students safety. Induction is this Friday so there is a lot to be prepared for that.

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

7. Report of the President

Bookshop – Met with Michael Reese, Tiffany Alexander and the facilities officer of the USU. The need to pay rent would come into effect next year, and they have used examples of past presidents saying that we would pay rent as evidence we can't be trusted to do so. As for SSAF, that's probably how we will pay the rent. We can't wait months for a result with \$18,000 hanging over us, I've emailed Tyrone about this.

Anna Hush-Egerton: would the USU take a cut?

Chloe Smith: Chitra said they probably wont; I've talked to Tyrone about it. Went worth is to be demolished in 2020 so we will need to fins a new place to live. We've hired a new case workers, at the moment we are wrapping up for the year. Still don't know what the university executive decision regards SEG ED.

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

Mostly just getting ready to hand over to whoever is elected. Not having a co-VP has been hard and I hope next year it better and many of the changes we wanted get through.

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

Moved: Isabella Brook

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Micheal Sun arrived at 11:43.

9. Report of the General Secretaries

There was noting to report form the general secretaries

10. Report of the Administration Manager

The administration Manager has nothing to report.

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

The casework and policy manager had nothing to report.

12. SRC Legal Service Report

The legal service had nothing to report

13. Approval of Payments

13.1. Invoices

Queer Department:	\$1000	for 218 T-shirts
	\$290	for Mardi Gras Stall
	\$500	Tiwi Sister Girls fundraiser
Environment Department:	\$3000	ASEN training camp donation
	\$2000	ASEN training camp tickets
	\$500	ASEN State affiliation fee
	\$500	ASEN Nation affiliation fee
	\$500	Students of Sustainability donation

There was some discussion around the environment collective budget, and if there was enough to cover the costs requested.

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc, excluding the \$3000 training camp donation and the \$500 donation.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Isabella Brook

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The exec need to break at 11:47 as the secretary needed to assist the caseworkers at their conference meeting recommenced at 12:13.

Adam Ursino was called, Chloe Smith asked who they talked to before spending the \$376.20 on food for ACAR Honi.

Due to a bad line the it was hard to understand what was said.

Georgia Mantle was called into the meeting at 12:17.

Chloe Smith asked if Georgia has said that ACAR could receive money for food for the ACAR Honi editors? Georgia Mantle clarified that she did not, what she has done was order dinner for the indigenous Honi editors but out of her own pocket and did not request a reimbursement from the SRC. She did apply for funding for a joint Honi launch party with the Women’s Honi team.

Georgia left the meeting at 12:20.

13.2 Reimbursements

Adam Ursino (ACAR):	\$282.51	Decorations for USU Ethno-cultural room
	\$376.2	Food for ACAR Honi editors
Adam Adelpour (EAG):	\$9	Bus Hire for SCA (\$9 over already approved amount)

SUMSA (Welfare):	\$300	Food for Halal not Hanson BBQ
Max Hall (Pubs):	\$1485	Printing Honi, usual printers refused
Mickie Quick (Pubs):	\$5.95	A5 diary for next year
Sam Langford (Pubs):	\$399	Honi's webhost payments

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc except the \$376.20 reimbursement to Adam Ursino for food.

Moved: Anna Hush-Egerton

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Exec moved straight to 15.2 to look over the unofficial Observer applications.

15.2 NUS Observer Applications

Approved unofficial observers to NUS NatCon 2016:

Applicants Approved:

Chloe Rafferty – approved both travel and registration

Jessica Syed – approved both travel and registration

Imogen Grant – approved both travel and registration

Daniel Ergas – approved registration

Declan Maher – approved registration

Gavin Stanbrook – approved both travel and registration

Paul Bova – approved both travel and registration

Monica Jones – approved both travel and registration

Edward Bruce – approved both travel and registration

Dominic McDonald – approved both travel and registration

Vanessa Song – approved registration

Not Approved:

Roy Elder

Connor Wherrett

Sam Kwon

Jake Williams

Motion: to approve funding for travel and registration costs for unofficial observers as stated above.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Education Officers

The report of the Education Officers was discussed at the same time as NUS Observer applications the report is attached at the end of this document.

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

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Anna Hush-Egerton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

14.2. Report of the Women's Officers

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

Moved: Michael Sun

Seconded: Siobhan Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Laura Kitsos: Annual, 05/01/17, 1 day, 7 hours.

Sharon Maher: TIL, 18/11/16, 1 day, 7 hours.

Mickie Quick: Annual/TIL, 07/11/16 – 06/12/16, 9 days, 59.5 hours
(07/11 – 08/11, 14/11 – 15/11, 21/11 – 22/11, 30/11, 05/12 – 06/12)

Study Leave request

Dear Exec,

Some of you probably know I was studying a Grad Dip in Counseling at Greater Western University last year. I was granted study leave by Exec to undertake these studies, which greatly assisted me in juggling work, travel to Penrith as well as assignments and readings.

I took this year off for family reasons and have decided to return to study in 2017 and undertake a Master in Social Work here at the University of Sydney. I think this course will in many ways be more relevant to my work here at the SRC. It is two years full time and I will continue to work here part time and share whatever skills and knowledge I develop in my studies with the casework team, as I have previously.

I thought it important to advise Exec of my change in course and request that I continue to be granted Study Leave as outlined in our Enterprise Agreement (attached). I sincerely thank Exec and my colleagues on the casework team for the support offered to me in my studies which are incredibly enriching both personally and professionally, and which I feel will contribute positively to my work here as part of the casework team.

Yours sincerely,
Lorna

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc ,including Lorna's Study Leave.

Moved: Siobhan Ryan

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

15.2 NUS Observer Applications

Motion: That all Official Observers be approved.

Moved: Sean Tingcombe

Seconded: Chloe Smith

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15.3 Academic Board applications

There was discussion around who the best candidates would be, it was noted the high quality of the applicants.

Motion: That Ivana Radix and Imogen Grant be appointed to the Academic Board for 2017.

Moved: Chloe Smith

Seconded: Sean Tingcombe

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting was declared closed at 1:36

Report on applications for NUS National Conference

As for the last three years the Education Officer has chaired the process for applications to receive financial assistance to attend the National Union of Students National Conference. We received an unusually high amount of applications with 22 students applying, most for covering both the \$200 observer fee and their travel costs. It was expressed that all applications are subject to the Education Officers approval but in the interest of fairness and the high volume of submissions the Executive should also be party to the process. Below this report I have included my own application also.

Obviously the amount of assistance we provide is dependent on the budget and the merits of applicants. In some instances it should be appropriate to only fund registration, fund both registration/travel costs or potentially not provide funding.

The applications

I have included a spreadsheet of the responses. Applicants were asked to answer the following questions

Why do you wish to attend the NUS National Conference this year?

Although a subjective question this is important. Last year people were provided funding by saying they would help create documentaries and said they would engage in the conference and proceeded to do neither and not attend for the full duration. Some applicants provided very lacking responses.

What role have you played within the student movement this year? Have you been to at least 2 student organising meetings or collectives?

This was the most important question and was often answered insufficiently. However, the candidates mentioned below as active in the EAG all provided good statements.

The scope this year was broadened to include other collectives and action groups as these issues are covered by the NUS. However, as Education Officer I can confirm that only the following have been regularly involved in education organising and fulfilled the very low requirement to have attended at least two EAGS (not counting their other contributions!) For this reason, they should all be given first priority.

- Chloe Rafferty
- Jessica Syed
- Imogen Grant
- Harry Gregg
- Daniel Ergas
- Declan Maher
- Gavin Stanbrook
- Paul Bova
- Monica Jones

In addition to these applicants the following applicants have been involved in other organising collectives heavily and should also fulfil requirements. I checked regarding involvement in Welfare organising with Robby Magyar.

- Edward Bruce (Welfare according to Robby Magyar)
- Sean Tingcombe (Welfare according to Robby Magyar)
- Dom McDonald (Welfare according to Robby Magyar)
- Andrea Zephyr in QUAC
- Vanessa Song in the Woman of Colour Collective

The above applicants should all receive registration coverage and be given priority with travel assistance.

The following should be given priority after the above in my opinion, however if we have the funds they should at least receive registration assistance and if in strong need potentially travel. This is because they have not been as involved and provided insufficient justification in their application. This is at the discretion of the executive however and I will attend the meeting to discuss.

- Roy Elder
- Connor Wherrett
- Sam Kwon
- Jake Williams

What do require assistance with?

Students here indicated if they needed assistance with the registration, travel costs or both.

What is your current financial situation? How large a contribution can you make to your own registration and travel? (Limited detail is fine)

This can be used to determine the amount of funding.

Liam Carrigan application

I would like to also receive financial assistance to attend the National Conference. This would include travel costs, registration and covering the cost of a room at the conference. This was the exact assistance the 2014 Education Officers received from the SRC in their year.

I have been actively involved in NUS for the past two years having attended the 2014 and 2015 conferences. I regularly spoke to motions on conference floor and vigorously debated policy. I was an organiser for EDCON 2015 and actively involved myself in NUS Education campaigns at a state, national and campus level. This has involved the three National Days of Action and regular NSW NEO meetings and actions. I wish to attend conference as I may be a proxy for a delegate, have been heavily involved in massively successful activist campaigns such as LET SCA STAY and also have strong arguments about the direction NUS should take in 2017.

Motions

1. That the executive after discussion approve NUS registration and travel assistance for successful candidates
2. That the executive approve the financial costs for the 2016 Education Officer including accommodation