



MINUTES:

of the 1st regular meeting of the 89th SRC held on Wednesday the 1st February. Meeting held in the Professorial Board Room, Quadrangle Building.

A Quorum count was called at 6:16.
The meeting was found quorate.

A. Meeting opened at 6:18 pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chair moved that Bella Pytka 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:

Brendan Ma
Patrick Ryan
Thandiwe Bethune
Alex Fitton

Proxies

Dominic McDonald proxy to Dylan Williams
Connor Wherrett proxy to Luke-Patrick Gallagher
Amelia Chen proxy to Daniel Ergas
Timothy Berney-Gibson proxy to Jacob Masina
Lachlan Ward proxy to Harry Gregg
James Cooper proxy to Gabriel Long
Vinil Kumar proxy to Lily Campbell
Angus Berg proxy to Lorena White
Alexander Shu proxy to William Edwards

Absent

Edward McCann

D. Changes to Membership

E. Electoral Report

E1. Consideration of any resignations

Williams Ryan resigns from Residential College Officer and DSP

Motion: That the Council accept the resignations.

Moved: Katie Thorburn

Seconded: William Edwards

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

E2. Invalid Nominees

The following Officers have not provided adequate documentation to verify their nominations validity and compliance with the regulations.

International Student Officer: Helena Ng Wai Ting currently overseas

Environment Officer: Jodie Pall – currently overseas has offered to provide documentation on return.

Intercampus Officer: Amelia Chan – currently away, has offered to provide documentation on their return.

Disabilities Officer: Hannah Makragelidis – has not been available according to fellow Office Bearers.

Interfaith Officers: Noor Akl, David Tsor, Timothy Burney-Gibson – have not got in contact with the SRC.

Social Justice Officer: Michelle Picone – currently away, has offered to provide documentation on their return.

Refugee Rights Officer: Jess Whittall – has not been in contact with the SRC.

Student Housing Officer: Winston Ma, Ricardo Wu – Only one is required to submit verifying document to confirm nomination validity.

DSP: Nina Dillon-Britton and, Pranay Jha – Only one is required to submit verifying document to confirm nomination validity.

Motion: That the 2017 SRC provides an extension to all Office Bearers who are required to provide statutory declarations to the date of the 1st of December 2017.

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Aiden Magro

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of 9th regular meeting of the 88th SRC Council held on the 5th of October 2016, and of the 89th Representatives Elect meeting of the 23rd of November 2016 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the 5th of October 2016 and the 23rd of November 2016 be accepted.

Moved: Dylan Williams

Seconded: Katie Thorburn

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.

Adam Boidin asked for an update on where O-Week preparations are at.

Isabella Brook answered explaining that it would be in her report and in the general secretaries.

I. Visitor's Business

There was no business for this item.

J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

There was not report from the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate.

K. Elections

K1. 1 Indigenous Students' Officer

K2. 1 Mature Age Student's Officer

K3. 2 Intercampus committee members

There were no nominees for any of the positions. The positions will be held over till next council.

L. Report of the President and Executive

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 30th August 2016 to the 11th January 2017.

Motion: that the minutes of the executive meetings from 30th August 2016 to the 11th January 2017 be accepted.

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: William Edwards

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

L2. Report of the Executive

Report of the executive from the 1st September 2016 to 1st February 2017.

The report was circulated and noted.

The President deferred the Chair to the Deputy Chairperson.

L3. President's Report

Isabella Brook tabled a written and gave a verbal report:

University Executive Committees

Last year the presidents' of the SRC and SUPRA were removed from the Universities' Senior Executive Education Committee. After a great deal of work by Tom and Chloe we have been reappointed to the Committee. There has also been a general restructuring of the committees. The SRC now has reps on the Executive WH&S committee as well as the Executive Indigenous services and strategy committee.

Bookshop

The USU sent us what was basically an eviction notice towards the end of Chloe's term in regard to the space in which the SRC Second Hand Bookshop is located. We have been occupying this space for a number of years whilst paying a \$1 monthly rent to the USU. We've been in ongoing negotiations with the USU since December of last year as we intend to maintain the space. We have since agreed to pay rent for one year at \$18 000 (20% less market value).

NUS

I attended Nat Con as a delegate, and last week attended Presidents' summit, which was great. NUS looks to be heading in a really great direction this year with some really great campaigns having kicked off already.

I've also been working with the EAG and NSW Education organising group to organise the March 22 NDA. We had a really great welfare action outside centrelink, which got quite a bit of media attention and was a really great start to activism on campus for the year.

SSAF

SSAF negotiations are underway; we've met with the USU and SUPRA and will hopefully be meeting with the other student orgs. next week. We have a guaranteed allocation of about \$1.6 million and the contestable pool is close to \$1.5 million. Dan, Bella and I have been working closely to put together a strong proposal for the SRC.

Info Day

The SRC had a stall at Info Day; we handed out close to 100 info bags and had some really positive conversations with potential students. Thanks to everyone who came and helped out.

NTEU

The education officers and myself met with Kurt from the NTEU to reaffirm the SRC's support for staff conditions and discuss how we can work together over the year.

I've drafted up a letter for the SRC to send to the NTEU to confirm our support for the NTEU in the upcoming EBA negotiations and any industrial action that members decide to take. Hope to have it published in Honi and circulated to NTEU members.

OB Meetings

I've been slowly meeting with OB's, it's a long process but I'm really enjoying hearing the strong vision that OB's have for their departments. If you're an OB that I haven't gotten in contact with please let me know!

Isabella added to her report that a situation had arisen from the Honi Soit Facebook page on which public comments on an article have led to a threat of legal action. Noting that on a recommendation from the SRC Solicitor the comments were deleted and a statement explaining why was posted. She added that as the SRC meetings minutes are on the public record speakers should be careful about the language they use, as it could be used, as evidence in any legal action against the organisation and individuals may also be held personally liable.

Isabella Brook asked if there were any questions.

There were no questions for the report.

Motion to accept the report of the President.

Moved: Dylan Williams

Seconded: Jake Williams

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

M. Report of the Vice-Presidents

There was no report from the Vice Presidents.

N. Report of the General Secretaries

Bella Pytka and Daniel Ergas tabled a written and gave a verbal report

O-Week

O-Week planning is going well, we have ordered all of the products for our SRC calico bag. Thanks to our thrifty shopping, we are \$1.5k under budget (last year's spend) despite a higher fee from the USU. The Orientation Handbook and the Counter-Course Handbook have been combined and are going to print this week. The stalls for the SRC have been booked through the USU and Honi Soit and the eight collectives and who have requested stalls have them; we will also have the standard large SRC pagoda.

SSAF

Currently, we are still undergoing the external consultation process with all the student organisations; however everything is currently on schedule. As this process concludes, we will be working with departments to allocate our funding.

Regulations

Both of us have been engaged with Sam in a substantial re-write of many parts of the SRC Regulations. All people should have been circulated with a copy of the proposed changes, if you haven't please let us know and we will send you the changes. If anyone has any questions, please contact us either on Facebook or at general.secretary@src.usyd.edu.au.

Bella Pytka apologies for not sending the regulations changes to a number of councillors and will send it now.

Rebrand

We have begun a full rebrand of the SRC! The SRC logo has become somewhat out-dated, and a new Logo has been designed by Judy Zhu (former Honi editor), which has been approved by the Executive (just in time for O-Week). Along with this, a new logo has been designed for the SRC Legal Service. Once the design is completed, we are planning to also do a full re-design of the SRC's website and social media. We are planning to launch the new logo at O-Week, and will feature on all merchandise that we hand out, as well as on the signage out the front of the office. (The cost of the rebrand itself is low, as collateral – business cards, etc. – will only be replaced when they run out.) On Chitra's advice, Executive has approved \$8000 for the entire re-brand, of which we are currently \$5k under budget; which includes the cost of paying the graphic designers and the cost of purchasing new signage.

Info Day

Info Day was a success! The SRC had a stall inside the quad and throughout the day, we handed out 500 bags to prospective students. Many students who are potentially coming to USYD this year, and many current Year 12 students, engaged well with us, asking tons of questions and were interested about what the SRC helps students with. There was also a snap-action held at one of the lectures which was successful and spread news to students about what university management has been doing re: restructure, SCA closure etc.

Bella Pytka and Daniel Ergas spoke to their report.

Andrea Zephyr asked the General Secretaries about the process of SSAF negotiations.

Bella Pytka expanded on this, outlining the way in which they are going over the SSAF negotiations, explained the stages of talking to SRC Staff, OBs and then the to other Student organisation with whom the SSAF is divided.

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

Moved: Caitlin Mcmenamin

Seconded: Harry Gregg

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

N1. Report of the Standing Legal Committee

Report of the meeting of the Chair Standing Legal Committee for the 88th SRC was circulated.

Procedural Motion to move straight to a vote

Moved: Dylan Williams

Seconded: Lorena White

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

Motion: Adam Boidin

Seconded: Katie Thorburn

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O. Report of Committees and Officers

O1. Report of the Education Officers

April Holcombe tabled a written report.

The Education Department has had a promising start to the year. The National Union of Students national conference in December saw widespread support for a more radical, proactive student campaign in 2017, which has as its central demand to “MAKE EDUCATION FREE AGAIN” (MEFA). The activists in the Education Action Group have already met three times since the campaign was launched. We have made concrete plans for the first protest on March 22 to be as widely publicised and attended as humanly possible. The EAG is excited by the prospect of a lively protest movement against the Right in federal politics, and the bastards in management at this university.

Activities over the summer break:

Info Day

The EAG put together an information stall on 5 January, the Uni’s marketing day to prospective students. Activists disrupted the lectures to tell newcomers about the staff and course cuts by management and the MEFA campaign we are launching this year. An important intervention so early into the year.

Countercourse

The CC has been merged with the SRC Handbook this year, which I think is an excellent turn against the excessive time and effort that has previously gone into producing both these publications. A lot of articles were submitted about the attacks by uni management, including the infographic that I worked on with social justice officer Kim Murphy. I also contributed the opening callout about the national campaign we are building this year and how to get involved in the EAG, and also an article about Trump’s political ascension and what the student left must do to stop the rising tide of the racist right around the world.

NTEU

The education office has met with the USyd NTEU branch president Kurt Iverson twice, in December and January, to discuss the industrial situation for the union in the lead-up to new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA) negotiations. We are encouraged by the anger and readiness to take action of the science faculty who are facing more than one hundred sackings via the “Service Innovation Program for Science” (SIPS) program. I got in touch with Dr. David Easdon from the faculty, who challenged Michael Spence on the attack in an academic board meeting in December.

Kurt is also very enthusiastic about NTEU-SRC joint work this year on the MEFA campaign. We talked through these policies from NUS as well as those related to Sydney University. He has happily agreed to have the union create a one-minute video about March 22, that lecturers and tutors can play at the start of their lessons. This will mention that the NTEU’s policy on student protests is not to penalise those who miss class to attend. This is a common reason for not attending, so it bodes very well for publicising from the first day of semester.

Make Education Free Again/NUS

I have already organised mass printing of materials for March 22, as well as helping out Wollongong University activists, whose union is controlled by Liberals and has no money. The education office has arranged for the back of the first Honi Soit to be an advertisement for March 22.

We have also been collecting signatures for the NUS welfare department against the fake debt Centrelink scandal currently rocking the Liberal government.

Centrelink Protest

On 18 January, Students activists organised a successful protest in Redfern following the expenses scandals of Sussan Ley, Julie Bishop et al, and the fake debt letters they have sent to more than 200,000 of the poorest people in Australia. I spoke to the crowd about the absurd about the money freely available for the capitalists and politicians, as they tell us we need to tighten our belts. Getting this money back that they stole from us is crucial to funding our social security, healthcare and in making education free again.

Trump

The election and inauguration of Donald Trump has ushered in a new era of global politics, on both the left and the right. I attended the Sydney Women’s March on 21 January to protest his inauguration, which saw a fantastic turnout between five and ten thousand people. It was excellent to see solidarity extended from Australia to the States, and also the number of people determined to stop the growing right wing tide. This will be a crucial part of standing up for students’ rights in 2017 and beyond; every oppressed group of students will need to stand up for itself, and the student body as a whole will have to unite to prevent racist attacks, and stop the bosses profiteering at our expense.

Plans for February and O-Week:

Merchandising

The EAG has begun to organise its merchandise for O-Week. There will be T-shirts, pamphlets, badges, red-squares, stickers, tote bags, and some new banners to raise awareness for March 22 and encourage students to get involved with the EAG.

Tony Abbott Protest on February 11

Key to building a buzz around student protest is to show we mean business and take on the government at every opportunity. Tony Abbott will be delivering an address to St John's College on Saturday, 11 February and we are organising to disrupt this event and confront Abbott. We want to get the word out about March 22, challenge the lunatic conservatives cohering around Abbott, and embolden new students whom we will meet a few weeks later.

EBA negotiations start mid-February

Kurt has informed us that the log of claims and negotiations around the EBA will probably begin in mid-February, and we will be in close communication about its progress. Kurt hopes to meet with the education officers every three or four weeks, and bring along other members of the NTEU branch committee. This is a highly welcome proposal.

Clubs and Societies

I have compiled a list of clubs and societies emails, and sent them all information about the MEFA campaign, what they can do to help build it, and asked them for any suggestions they might have. I am also contacting USU board members about getting advertising around the campus for March 22.

O-Week, stall and stunts

The EAG is organising to have its own stall at O-week and to make it stand out as much as possible. We will have it attended to throughout the week, and will organise some public stunts to draw attention to the hypocrisy of the university's branding that they try so hard to cultivate in O-Week.

April Holcombe and Jenna Schroder spoke to their report.

There were no questions for the Education Officers.

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

Motion: Vinil Kumar

Seconded: Jake Williams

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Procedural Motion to move to Q2.

Moved: Eleanor Morley

Seconded: Vinil Kumar

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**

Q. Motions of Notice

Q2. Make Education Free Again Campaign

Preamble:

1. At the National Union of Students National Conference 2016, delegates passed the Education Campaign 2017 motion containing the below points:
 - The Liberal party's Budget Savings (Omnibus) Bill passed both houses of Parliament with the support of the Labor party. The HECS-HELP Benefit scheme is being axed, the Student StartUp Scholarship is changing to a loan, changes to the indexation for grants and assistance means government support for students will diminish in real terms, and the repayment threshold for HELP debt is dropping from \$54,869 to \$51,956.
 - The Labor party's support for these measures comes just two years after they pledged to oppose them. Their swift capitulation in a period of diminished protests and reduced public outrage shows the need for NUS to maintain pressure on the Labor party in our campaigns against the Turnbull government.
 - Vice Chancellors have not waited for these policy changes to begin implementing their own restructuring of universities. Changes to degree structures and cuts to staff and courses are being rolled out at campuses across the country. We are seeing this at Sydney University with managements restructure. This will include job losses, course cuts, faculty merges and the potential closure of the SCA.
 - However these are not recent cuts, since the Hawke/Keating Government abolished free education, student fees have been continually increased to the point where today they are upwards of \$40,000. This means students are burdened with years of unnecessary debt. The only way to turn the situation around is to remove the notion that an education can be treated as a commodity that purely exists for profit. This is why we need to make education free again.
2. The National Union of Students has organised a nationwide rally on March 22.
3. As the representative of students at one of the most politically active and largest campuses in the country, Sydney University SRC plays a pivotal role in supporting the NUS Make Education Free Again Campaign 2017.
4. As 2017 will be NTEU bargaining period, a fighting student Union can be support for any workers protests or strike action that may emerge. This means taking a clear stance on NOT working with Liberals in the Student Union, facilitating regular meetings between the Education Officer, The SRC President and the NTEU.

Platform:

1. University of Sydney SRC supports the demands of the Make Education Free Again Campaign.
2. The University of Sydney SRC stands for free education.

3. University of Sydney SRC stands against all attacks by the Liberal Government and the attempts by University management to restructure degrees and faculties, and supports the rights of students to stand against all attacks, from both Liberal and Labor.
4. University of Sydney SRC stands with the NTEU against all attacks by University management on staff working conditions, wages and rights. And supports the NTEU in the upcoming bargaining period.

Action:

1. The NUS Make Education Free Again Campaign will be the priority campaign of the University of Sydney SRC and the Education Department.
2. All University of Sydney Office Bearers (OB's) will campaign for as a matter of priority the NUS Campaign. This includes but is not limited to:
 - a. OB's will share online content on their associated OB Facebook pages and personal Facebook/Instagram/Twitter/Tumblr pages.
 - b. OB's will send regular emails around to their associated clubs/collectives about upcoming education protests
 - c. Organise contingents to all NUS demonstrations.
3. University of Sydney SRC will share Facebook posts made by the Make Education Free Again Facebook page, and publicise all Education Campaign content on the USYD SRC Website.
4. Honi Soit will dedicate the back cover to the poster of every National Day of Action held in 2017 and give sufficient space for fortnightly Education Office updates to be provided to them by the Education Officers.

Gavin Stanbrook spoke to the motion, and noted that there is a growing interest in the movement.

April Holcombe transferred her speaking rights to Bianca Abbott. Bianca Abbott spoke to the motion highlighting the international movements around similar campaigns and encouraged the Council and all students to get involved in education action groups and education activism lest there be a greater attack on higher education in Australia.

Andrea asked to amend the motion at the preamble and the platform.

Amendment 1- to removed point 2 of the preamble.

Amendment 2- to amend point 3 of the platform to remove the words "both" and "and Labor".

The chair asked if that was amenable to the movers.

It was not amenable to the movers.

Andrea Zephyr moved the amendment as a foreshadowing motion.

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Caitlin McMenamin
To be held as a foreshadowing motion.

Discussion returned to the motion tabled.

Kim Murphy spoke to the motion and encouraged that the Council pass it and become actively engaged in the campaign.

Eleanor Morley spoke for the motion tabled and against the foreshadowing motion, and noted that it was the Labor party that ended free education. Continuing Eleanor Morley added that it was Julia Gillard who tried to cut millions from tertiary education funding and that the Labor party voted with the Liberal party to turn the start-up scholarship into a loan.

Caitlin Mcmenamin responded to Eleanor Morley's comments stating that it was ironic to ask Labor to support a motion that condemned them.

Eleanor Morley replied that it was condemning the Party's policy, not individuals in the Party.

Vinil spoke to the motion and condemned the proposed amendments in the foreshadowing motion.

Procedural motion to move straight to a vote

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: William Edwards

the procedural was put and **CARRIED**

Motion as above

Moved: Gavin Stanbrook

Seconded: April Holcombe

The motion tabled was put and **CARRIED**

The foreshadowing motion lapses.

The meeting returned the original standing order

O2. Report of the Wom*n's Officers

Katie Thorburn and Imogen Grant provided a written report.

Current/recently completed projects:

1. Growing Strong - Growing Strong, the annual Women's Collective publication, has been finalised and sent to the Publications Managers. Growing Strong will be distributed during O-Week and the official launch will be in early Semester 1.

2. O-Week - We've been liaising with the USU O-Week Directors and will host a self-defence class, a film screening of The Hunting Ground followed by a panel discussion about sexual assault on campus, and the Survivor's Network launch. As it's a critical recruitment time for WoCo, we've also been creating merchandise, gathering resources, and collating information about the collective to distribute from our stall. We've also received a donation of over 1,000 condoms and will distribute these with consent information during O-Week.
3. Sexual assault solicitor - WoCo, along with the Sexual Harassment OBs, have been consulting with SRC staff about hiring a discrimination solicitor who specialises in sexual harassment and assault. Through working with survivors, we know that they are being failed by existing systems at the University and there is a drastic need for the SRC to provide specialist trauma-informed legal service. In the interim, we are also arranging Responding with Compassion and Vicarious Trauma training from the R&DVSA for all SRC and SUPRA caseworkers and solicitors.
4. Staff Against Rape - The Staff Against Rape campaign (collab between the NTEU and WoCo) has been launched last week with all NTEU members receiving emails on how to insert key resources (USyd policies and support services) in UoS outlines and on Blackboard. We will be attending school and faculty meetings in the upcoming weeks to amend faculty policy so that these resources are a compulsory requirement in all UoS outlines. We are also looking into avenues to train all staff in responding with compassion and vicarious trauma. Check out our website at staffagainstrape.org and like our Facebook page for more information.
5. Survivor's Network Launch - The Survivor's Network has been formed in response to the systemic lack of support systems for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence. We believe that communities have a responsibility to provide care and alternatives to punitive criminal justice responses to sexual assault and domestic violence. The network will function as a peer support group where survivors can share their experiences. The Survivor's Network Launch will be held at 12pm on 3 March in the Quadrangle.
6. Aboriginal solidarity - WoCo held a contingent to the Fighting in Resistance Equally (FIRE) rallies on Human Rights Day Rally and Invasion Day. They were both very well attended and we hope to grow these contingents more so that WoCo members engage more with Aboriginal solidarity activism.

The Women's Officers spoke to their report. They raised concerns and challenges with having and not having a specialist sexual assault and harassment solicitor, and that the ability to hire one heavily relied on the outcomes of SSAF allocations.

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

Motion: Adam Boidin

Seconded: Aiden Magro

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Procedural motion to move to agenda item R1.

Moved: Eleanor Morley

Seconded: Vinil Kumar

the procedural was put and **CARRIED**

R1. Palm Sunday Rally for Refugees

Preamble:

The ongoing detention of refugees on Nauru and Manus Islands is a shameful crime against humanity. With the rise of fascism in the US, there has never been a more important time for Australia to treat asylum seekers with compassion and respect. There is every possibility that the resettlement deal with the US will not proceed. Indeed, its occurrence should be vehemently opposed by the SRC, as there is every likelihood that after undergoing compulsory vetting procedures, the majority of refugees will be deemed aliens and excluded from the country on the basis of their citizenship.

Students of USYD must come together to condemn the treatment of refugees. This is why we must support and attend the 'Palm Sunday' refugee rally.

Motion:

That the University of Sydney SRC support the 'Palm Sunday' rally for refugee rights, to occur on the 9th of April, 2-4pm at Hyde Park.

Caitlin Mcmenamin spoke to the motion.

Harry Gregg spoke to the motion, and noted that the ALP's refugee policy should be condemned.

Declan Maher spoke to the motion and noted his agreement that the ALP should be condemned.

Moved: Caitlin Mcmenamin

Seconded: Harry Gregg

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

R2. Protest Trump's Muslim Ban in Sydney

Preamble

1. The Trump administration has moved to implement a "Muslim ban" on immigration and entry of citizens and refugees from 7 Middle Eastern and African countries. This has seen thousands of people denied entry into the U.S., detained at airports and lives thrown into disarray.

2. This ban constitutes a heinous racist attack on people of Arab and Muslim descent and serves to further intensify the mainstream and far-right Islamophobia in society.

3. Tens of thousands of ordinary people have mobilised at airports around the U.S. to defend Muslims and migrants and to oppose Trump's Muslim ban. These inspiring occupations of international terminals around the country have scored an important victory in forcing a federal court decision temporarily 'staying' the order.

4. While this has been an important victory, the order still remains in effect for the vast bulk of Arab and Muslim people still seeking to enter the U.S. from these countries and Trump has vowed to continue and further his racist policies. This underscores the need for ongoing resistance to Trump internationally.

5. In Australia, Trump's ban has been disgracefully celebrated by the racist far right and figures in the Liberal party including Julie Bishop, Peter Dutton and Malcolm Turnbull has refused to condemn the ban. Given the long and on-going record of Australian governments, both Liberal and Labor, in targeting various groups of migrants, locking up and shunning refugees and propagating Islamophobia, the need to resist these racist and Islamophobic attack is urgent.

6. Protests have been called around the country this weekend to oppose the ban, with the protest in Sydney taking place on Saturday the 4th of February in Hyde Park North at 2PM.

Platform

1. The Sydney University SRC is committed to actively fighting all forms of racism, bigotry and oppression.

2. The Sydney University SRC stands firmly in solidarity with Muslims, migrants and refugees and firmly against all forms of racism and Islamophobia.

3. The Sydney University SRC condemns the attacks on Muslims, migrants and refugees by both the U.S. and Australian governments.

4. The SRC stands in solidarity with the inspiring protests across the U.S. against the Trump administration.

Action

1. The Sydney University SRC formally endorses the protest against Trump's Muslim Ban on Saturday the 4th of February.

2. The Sydney University SRC encourages all councillors and office bearers to attend the protest on Saturday the 4th of February to demonstrate its continued commitment to fighting racism.

3. The Sydney University SRC encourages all campus collectives to send contingents to the demonstration on Saturday the 4th of February.

4. The Sydney University SRC will publicise the demonstration on Saturday the 4th of February including sharing the event from its Facebook page and encourages all SRC collectives to promote the event from their collective Facebook pages.

Moved: Vinil Kumar

Seconded: Kim Murphy

Vinil Kumar spoke to the motion, outlined the motion's content for the Council, and encouraged all to attend the protest on Saturday.

Kim Murphy spoke to the motion and notes that Trump's Muslim ban was widely accepted by Australian leaders as a good policy and that this was cause for concern and disgust.

Gavin Stanbrook spoke to the motion and noted that this was important for the Council to support. Adding that this rhetoric should not be normalised. He also told a story of someone he was speaking to yesterday from Salt Lake City who described how many people that went out to protest in solidarity at the airport who were not Muslim and that these acts of solidarity should be encouraged.

Lily Campbell spoke to the motion, she noted that the world was being polarised and how this was cause for concern. She also noted that this was a new political time for protest. She continued saying that we should highlight the dangers of nationalist rhetoric. She spoke of a refugee currently held on Nauru who is pregnant and very ill, explaining that if she is not brought to Australia for medical attention that she and her baby could die.

Caitlin Mcmenamin spoke to the motion but noted that she thought it ironic how much the rhetoric of "band together" was used while attacking those who are trying to their part in a different way.

There was some heated discussion amongst the speakers over the previous comments.

Procedural motion to move straight to a vote

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Dylan Williams

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

The motion was read out, put and **CARRIED**.

Procedural motion to move to R3

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Adam Boidin

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

R3. Supporting NUS Ethnocultural Department

Proposal:

The USyd SRC stands with people of colour, ethnic and culturally diverse in their continued struggle against marginalization.

Motion:

That the 2017 USyd SRC endorse the NUS Ethnocultural campaign, My Body, My Name. Not Yours to Shame.

Actions:

1. That the USyd SRC Facebook page actively promote and share all posts from the NUS Ethnocultural campaign, My Body, My Name. Not Yours to Shame.
2. That the SRC Executive email all Office Bearers, members and staff of their organisation to promote the campaign with invitation to be involved directly.
3. That members of the SRC assist in the printing and distribution of materials for O Week.

Moved: Claudia Gulbransen-Diaz

Seconded: Justine Amin

Procedural motion to move to Q4.

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Will Edwards

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

Q. Motions of Notice

Q4. Defend Safe Schools

Preamble

In 2016 Safe Schools - a program designed to promote inclusive and safe environments for same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse students in Australian Schools - became a target of attack by the hard-right of the Liberal party, including Cory Bernardi and George Christensen. Slandering this program was then gladly taken up by Malcolm Turnbull, as well as by the Murdoch press and far right lunatics like the Australian Christian Lobby. The most recent attack has been headed by the Victorian Labor government, when over Christmas Daniel Andrews surrendered to the right wing hysteria, and capitulated to attacking the program. He announced that the department of education will take over the running of Safe Schools, and the groundbreaking work of the La Trobe University based Safe schools coalition is to be defunded. While the Andrews government claims that the restructuring of the Safe Schools program is a progressive move, it is clear this is an outright gutting of the program and capitulation to the right wing media and far right hate groups. This is an

appalling move by Andrews, he has failed to challenge the climate of homophobia and transphobia, and failed to show any concern for the Safe Schools coalition staff members.

In 2016, the Murdoch press released article after article attacking the program, in particular targeting the program's founder, Roz Ward. The Australian newspaper whipped up controversy when Ward commented that the Australian flag was racist on her personal facebook account, which eventually lead La Trobe university management to suspend her. Fortunately Ward was reinstated, following a great campaign and lots of support from the National Tertiary Education Union, with the added support from student unions, academics and health workers as well as protests demanding she be reinstated.

The attacks on the program escalated when Turnbull ordered an inquiry into safe schools based on criticisms from Liberal backbenchers who likened the program to “paedophile child grooming”. The independent inquiry that was headed by an education professional found nothing wrong with the program, yet education minister Simon Birmingham decided to attack the program regardless. This includes the removal of “concerning content” from the program, barring of the program from primary schools, and adding the requirement of parental consent in order for the program to be accessed by students.

In retaliation to Birmingham's unqualified conclusion, an open letter in support of safe schools was signed by 17 Professors of Medicine, 120 doctors including paediatricians and psychiatrists as well as other health professionals and medical students. A similar open letter was submitted by 362 academics representing 40 institutions Australia wide in support of Safe schools, which read: “This program is important in responding to the specific needs of same sex attracted, intersex and gender diverse young people in schools. It is also important in creating more inclusive, supportive and safe schools where all young people can meet their education potential.”

There has been much support from students and parents from the 500+ schools that safeschools covers, many of which have been a part of the protests to defend safe schools across Australia.

The importance of the Safe Schools program is reflected in the alarming statistics about LGBTI young people, with increased rates of development of mental illness, higher rates of suicide and a higher rate of dropping out of school. An Australian study in 2014 found that 80% of bullying faced by LGBTI people happens at school. The same study also found that LGBTI young people at schools where protective policies are in place are more likely to feel safe compared with those in schools without similar policies (75 per cent compared with 45 per cent). They are almost 50 per cent less likely to be physically abused at school, less likely to suffer other forms of homophobic abuse, less likely to self-harm and less likely to attempt suicide.

The most recent attack on the program by the Andrews government came as a complete surprise to the Safe Schools team. There was no notice, no consultation, and none of the team was offered a job at the department of education to continue the running of the program. This is a major jeopardisation of the work that the Safe Schools team have put in, as they have built up relationships with 286 schools around Victoria. It is the La Trobe based team that been the driving force for the program, stridently putting the safety of LGBTI

young people at the forefront of the program and not accepting anything less. Removing this team from the picture would be a tragedy, effectively putting the program in the hands of politicians, so that they can use it for their own political gain or even shut down the program entirely. Given that the ALP refuses to bind on marriage equality it is not surprising that Andrews would capitulate to the homophobic climate. We need to see it as our duty to fight the far right, through grassroots protests, rallies and campaigns, and stand up for progressive reforms like marriage equality that will help to combat this homophobic and transphobic climate, because it is clear the ALP is proving itself to be no friend of the oppressed LGBTI community.

Platform

1. The Sydney University SRC recognises that Daniel Andrews' restructuring of the Safe Schools program in Victoria is not a progressive move, and is instead a capitulation to the homophobic right.
2. The Sydney University SRC condemns the Andrews' government's decision to gut the Safe Schools program and sack the Safe Schools team is, especially in this very right wing political climate
3. The Sydney University SRC reaffirms its support for the Safe Schools Coalition, including its co-founders and all members of staff.

Actions

1. The Sydney University SRC will promote every rally for marriage equality in Sydney via its FB page
2. The Sydney University SRC President will write an open letter to the Andrews' Government outlining the content of this motion.

Kim Murphy spoke to the motion and condemned Daniel Andrews.

Declan Maher spoke to the motion and noted that it was disappointing that Daniel Andrews is the best of the Labor party right now.

Will Edwards proposed a number of amendments to the motion. Adding that he believed many of the changes to Safe Schools were for the better and would help roll out the program faster.

The chair asked if the changes are amenable.
It was not amenable to the movers.

The Chair ruled that the amendments change the intention and the amendments would be put as a foreshadowing motion

Procedural motion to move straight to a vote.

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Dylan Williams

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

Motion tabled was put and **FAILED**.

The meeting moved to the foreshadowing motion

Motion:

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Platform

- 1 The Sydney University SRC recognises that Daniel Andrews' restructuring of the Safe Schools program in Victoria is a progressive move, one which greatly improves Safe Schools and will change the lives of innumerable LGBTI students for the better.
- 2 The Sydney University SRC commends the Andrews' government's decision to expand the Safe Schools program to every public school in Victoria.
- 3 The Sydney University SRC reaffirms its support for the Safe Schools Coalition in Victoria and across the country.

Actions

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Moved: William Edwards

Seconded: Andrea Zephyr

Harry Gregg spoke to the foreshadowing motion and noted that the changes to the safe schools program would assist the program in being applied in all schools not just private schools. Adding that those moving the original motion failed to acknowledge that Roz Ward is a member of Socialist Alternative with which the movers are also affiliated.

There was shouting across the floor.

Harry Gregg continued to speak to the foreshadowing motion.

April Holcombe spoke against the motion and added that the changes do not reflect that attack on workers and the program that the first motion highlighted how many of the changes meant there was part of the program missing and that it was already supposedly being rolled out across the state before the developers of the program were fired.

Andrea Zephyr spoke to the motion and noted their approval of action point 2.

Procedural to move straight to a vote

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Harry Gregg

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**

The foreshadowing motion was read out

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Procedural Motion to move to R4.

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Katie Thorburn

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

R4. Motion: That the SRC condemns the Honi Soit 2017 team for their recent conduct.

Proposal

The SRC stand unequivocally with survivors and victims of sexual harassment, assault and abuse. We assume a policy of zero tolerance and to not platform those accused of abuse. We direct all accuse to follow accountability measures and codes of conduct made in tandem with their survivors.

Actions

1. A public apology on their Facebook page to any survivors and victims impacted by their actions.
2. The current Honi Soit team reports to the next council meeting with written detail on:
 - a. The process they used to decide in platforming any alleged abusers.
 - b. All correspondence the team received on allegations
 - c. The responses they took to any correspondence or allegations,
 - d. Any members of the current Honi Soit team who have conflicts of interest and what that conflict of interest is.
 - e. The actions they have taken to create a code of conduct mentioned in action point 3.
3. Develop a platform for survivors and victims to engage in Honi Soit decision-making, writing and editing. This includes creating a code for contributors in consultation with SRC Office Bearers and interested parties. This is to be presented in the March SRC council meeting.
4. A commitment to the anti-sexual assault and harassment campaign being run through the Wom*n's Collective and SRC.

Moved: Katie Thorburn

Seconded: Andrea Zephyr

Katie Thorburn spoke to the motion, and noted that if nothing is said then rape culture persists. She noted that the Women's Officers spoke to Honi earlier today, and that Honi ran on a platform to protect and highlight the cause of survivors of abuse and to combat rape culture. Also that there is no excuse for the action taken by Honi and she was saddened to condemn the editorial team.

Andrea Zephyr spoke to the motion and brought the Councils attention to the SRC's comment noted that this was a legal issue but that the legality should not be used to silence

the issue. Andrea spoke to the action points and their importance and also their complications.

Caitlin Mcmenamin spoke to the motion and noted that Honi had made it very difficult for some people to come forward with their stories and others disrespected who has trusted Honi with publishing their stories.

There were a few amendments recommended by the Secretary to Council with regards to privacy and consent concerns:

1. To change action point 2 to read – “The current Honi Soit team reports to the next executive meeting with written detail on:
2. To change action point 2 b. and c. by adding, “de-identified and with the senders consent”

They were amenable to the movers

Katie Thorburn amended her motion so action point 3. Read “this is to be presented in the March SRC council meeting.”

The motion now reads:

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Moved: Katie Thorburn

Seconded: Andrea Zephyr

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

The meeting continues

R5. Change the Date

Preamble:

Australia day is currently on the 26th of January, the date a campaign of genocide began against the Indigenous peoples of Australia. We support the campaign to change the date both as a symbol of truth and reconciliation to the Aboriginal people and to remove the tarnish of a shameful part of our history from our day of celebration.

Action: the SRC will support the change the date campaign.

Moved: Gabriel Long

Seconded: Caitlin Mcmenamin

Gabriel Long spoke to the motion, and noted that there was a growing understanding that the date should be changed.

Caitlin Mcmenamin spoke to the motion echoing Gabe Longs sentiments.

Katie noted that a number of Indigenous groups wanted the day to be abolished not just changed, and that the 26th of January should remain as a day of remembrance.

Gavin Stanbrook spoke generally in favour with the motion, adding that change the date campaign is a good start but will not change the negative and racist Australian nationalism.

Katie Thorburn asked to change the motion to include:

January 26th should be a memorial day celebrating survival and mourning genocide

The after some discussion the amendment was deemed unamenable to the movers.

The motion was deemed to change the intent of the motion.

Gavin Stanbrook spoke against the motion that keeping it in anyway only aided to perpetuate Australian nationalism grounded in the celebration of genocide.

Gabe Long spoke in favour of the amendment.

Andrea spoke to the amended motion and asked that when putting these motions forward that they are doing so with consultation with those groups and individuals involved.

Gavin Stanbrook said the issue was not with changing the date but with the celebration of nationalism on any day in the year and that Australian nationalism needs to be opposed across the board.

Ella Bickley spoke in favour of the un-amended motion saying that it was in line with the current campaign.

Katie Thorburn spoke in favour of the amendment and clarified that the intension of the motion was that the original day was to be kept as a day of national mourning.

Eleanor Morley proposed an amendment:

While recognising there is nothing to celebrate in Australian Nationalism, regardless of the date

The proposed amendment was amenable to the movers.

Katie Thorburn proposed an amendment to include:

That we condemn the colonial government's continuing genocidal practices

The proposed amendment was amenable to the movers.

Procedural motion to move straight to a vote

Moved: Andrea Zephyr

Seconded: Dylan Williams

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

The amended motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The foreshadowing motion lapsed.

Will Edwards asked for the minutes to reflect that Student Unity left the meeting immediately before a Medicare motion was to be discussed.

A Quorum count was requested at 8:38.

The meeting was found inquorate.

The meeting lapsed at 8:39 pm.