



# Students' Representative Council University of Sydney

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**MINUTES** of the **6th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 89th SRC, held on 24th March 2017 in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

**PRESENT:** Isabella Brook (Chair), Isabella Pytko\*, James Gibson\*, Irene Oh, Samuel Chu, Patrick Ryan, Iman Farrar (Entered in at 1:10pm) \*

**Apologies:** Daniel Ergas\*, Rachel (Ella) Bickley and Liam Donohoe.

**Minutes:** Isabella Pytko

**In attendance:** None in attendance

**Meeting Opened:** 1:06pm

\*^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 Daniel Ergas, Rachel (Ella) Bickley and Liam Donohoe.

The apologies were noted.

## **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were distributed.

Moved: James Gibson

Seconded: Samuel Chu

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

No Business was raised from the minutes of the Executive Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February 2017.

## **5. Correspondence**

No Correspondence was received.

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

There was no report from the Workplace Health and Safety Officer.

*Isabella Brook resigned the chair to Irene Oh.*

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

*Isabella Brook gave a verbal report.*

### **SSAF**

Our SSAF proposal was finalized and submitted. The University Executive committee will be meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April to decide the final allocation so we should hear back shortly after. I've contacted Tyrone and he has informed that capital works funding will be allocated as part of this committee as well. We are asking for some soundproofing to be done as well as some security upgrades. Our audit was also finalized last week.

### **O Week**

O week was a massive success; we gave away 1000 bags so thank you so much to Dan and Bella for their excellent planning and to everyone who helped out. As part of O Week I spoke at a number of official University welcomes, which was a good way to get the word out about the SRC. Something I'm hoping to do over the next couple of weeks with Dan and Bella is write up an O Week report that can be handed over to next years General Secretaries to make their O-week organising easier.

### **Academic Issues**

A few academic issues to highlight that we've been doing some work around.

### **Academic Advice**

I met with chair of the Academic Board, Tony Masters yesterday and have organised a meeting with DVC Pip Pattinson to discuss this issue. We are finding that, especially with the centralization of admin services, students are finding it difficult to obtain degree/faculty specific academic advice. Looking to do some work around this to get the University to map the services that currently exist and ensure that practice is consistent across faculties.

### **Changes to semester dates**

A proposal will be taken to Academic Board next week looking to shorten semesters to 12 weeks and extend the winter break. This has come up in a few committee meetings so far and there are obvious concerns about the impact this will have on staff and students. I'm in contact with various other student reps on academic board as well as Kurt from the NTEU so we can be organised for this meeting on Tuesday.

### **UE Student Life Committee**

One of the new university executive committees is UE Student life. This committee is meant to pertain to issues to do with student welfare and the student experience, things like special con. There is only one student rep on this committee and this is of concern. SUPRA and I have written to Tyrone to advocate for more students to be included on this 'student' life committee. He responded in SCC saying that he did not see this as an issue but we are yet to hear back and the first committee meeting is next Wednesday. It is most likely that the SRC's nominee will be Ivana Radix.

*Motion to move in camera*

Moved: Iman Farrar

Seconded: James Gibson

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

*Meeting moved in camera at 1:14pm.*

*Meeting moved ex camera at 1:18pm.*

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: James Gibson

Seconded: Isabella Pytka

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

*Isabella Brook resumed the chair.*

#### **8. Report of the Vice Presidents**

*Iman Farrar and James Gibson gave a verbal report.*

- Iman went to the Ethical Leadership Workshop. She gave a report back regarding the event.
- Learnt exercises regarding “deep democracy”, and commented that it might be good for Executive to do
- James and Iman will be attending the “Walk for Respect” and invited the rest of the Executive to attend. They have discussed the event in their upcoming Honi Soit report.

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

Moved: Patrick Ryan

Seconded: Irene Oh

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

#### **9. Report of the General Secretaries**

*Isabella Pytka gave a verbal report.*

- Regulation Changes
  - o Have been sent out to all councillors for them to be considered and voted on in the upcoming April Council
  - o Have been sent to Paulene for comment, and the Standing Legal Committee will be looking over them next week. Julia has read over them prior to them being sent out.
- Casework and us have attended some of the Satellite Campuses to discuss the SRC
  - o Received well by the students at these campuses
- O-Week
  - o A success; will be writing a document up with Izzy regarding this year’s O-Week and who we were in contact with for next year’s General Secretaries

*Motion to Move in Camera*

Moved: Iman Farrar

Seconded: James Gibson

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

*Moved in Camera at 1:32pm.*

*Moved ex Camera at 1:36pm.*

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

Moved: Iman Farrar

Seconded: James Gibson

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

#### **10. Report of the Administration Manager**

*Chitra Narayanan gave a written report.*

- Request for new server, see quote attached. We will also need \$1,600 for installation excluding GST. This will only be done in May when I return unless there is an issue with the server and immediate upgrade while I am away is required.

- Elections database work pre, during and post elections support from a contractor at Langoor (the company that helped to build the site) will cost \$3,000. This should be the last year we spend money on this database.
- Request for Hani to get higher duties rate of my pay for 1 hour a week to process payments while I am on leave. This is a total of 4 hours.

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

Moved: Iman Farrar

Seconded: James Gibson

The motion, including all listed costs, was put and **CARRIED**.

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

There was no report from the Casework and Policy Manager.

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

SRC Legal Service Pty Ltd board members will need to do training on Directors duties under the corporation's law re. SRC Legal Service.

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

Moved: Samuel Chu

Seconded: Patrick Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

### **13. Approval of Payments**

#### **13.1. Invoices**

Honi: \$125 Extra colour plates

Motion: that the invoices be approved.

Moved: Iman Farrar

Seconded: James Gibson

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

#### **13.2 Reimbursements**

Item 1: Environment Collective: \$107.65 to Natalie Berry for food for event.

Item 2: Education Collective: \$192.50 to April Holcombe for posters and leaflets.

Item 3: Education Collective: \$132 to April Holcombe for printing 2000\*A6 NDA leaflets.

Item 4: Education Collective: \$77 to Jenna Schroder for CHSN printing material for Arts mentor day.

Item 5: Campus Refugee Action Collective: \$280 to Ji Hee Joo for T-shirts for Harmony Day.

Motion: To accept Reimbursement Items 1 and 5 and to hold off Items 2,3 and 4 until the next executive meeting.

Moved: Iman Farrar

Seconded: James Gibson

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

### **14. Any Other Reports**

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

*Womens officers gave a written report*

##### Survivor Network

- The Survivor Network is up and running and meets weekly on campus. The idea for the initiative stems from a similar network in Pakistan.
- It's an incredibly important space on campus for women to raise awareness and talk about sexual assault. Through collectivising their experiences of assault, the network also develops a political quality as survivors realise that it's not just them and that the University system does not support them.

##### International Women's Day (IWD)

- We hosted a contingent to the IWD rally in Hyde Park.
- We also held a workshop on Women's History on International Women's Day. The workshop was attended by over 30 members and covered the radical history of IWD in garment workers strikes in the early 1900s. It also covered the history and logic of capitalism, as well as how women and their work is valued under this economic system. It was a very successful workshop that produced an environment where women were confident to learn and discuss political economy.

##### Feminist History of Capitalism Workshop

- We co-hosted a workshop alongside the Postgraduate Women's Collective and Sydney Free School on a feminist history of capitalism. The workshop covered the advent of capitalism and how this affected women's lives and how gender oppression, racism, and capitalism are inextricably linked. It drew on examples such as the 16th C European witch hunts, African women in slavery in the 18th C and American women's liberation movements in the 1970s.

##### Consent Module

- The University management is currently considering a consent module to be rolled out to students. Therefore, we trialled the Consent Matters module which includes a number of flaws including allowing students to skip sections so that they are not compelled to engage with the content.
- WoCo maintains that USyd should seek the assistance of international leaders in sexual assault prevention education, such as Professor Moira Carmody, in creating a USyd specific module. Australia is the leading country internationally in such research and numerous academics work pro-bono for sporting teams in establishing a consent education curriculum.

##### Pro-Choice Rally

- WoCo has been organising a pro-choice rally this Sunday in order to counter the anti-abortion 'Day of the Unborn Child' rally that is occurring on the same day. This comes at crucial time when we seem to have reached an impasse around the issue of abortion in NSW. On one hand, we're so close to legalising abortion in NSW and implementing exclusion zones, however, simultaneously Fred Nile is resurrecting his war on women by re-introducing "Zoe's Law".
- See rally event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1371548902905656/>

##### Trans Day of Visibility (TDOV)

- During the week of TDOV, we're hosting a radical trans politics workshop which will explore the roots of trans oppression under capitalism and colonialism, the development of the trans rights movement, and all the problems with trans liberalism.
- See event here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/509275342793732/>
- On 31 March we will also host a film screening of Paris is Burning before the QuAC party at STUCCO.

Motion: That the report of the Women’s Officer be accepted.

Moved: Iman Farrar

Seconded: Irene Oh

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

**14.2. Report of the Education Officers**

There was no report from the Education Officers

The Executive *notes* that both Jenna and April need to come to the next Executive meeting.

**15. Other Business**

**15.1 Staff Leave**

Chitra Narayanan:	21/2/17 TIL, 3 hours. 1/3/17 TIL, 2 hours. 2/3/17 TIL, 3 hours. 6/3/17 TIL, 7 hours. 9/3/17 TIL, 1 hours. 18/5/17 Annual, 1 day, 7 hours.
Hani Bawazir:	23/3/17 Annual, 1 day, 3.5 hours.
Amanda LeMay:	13/4/17 to 21/4/17 Annual and Long Service Leave, 3 days, 27 hours.
Laura Kitsos:	15/6/17 to 4/7/17 Sick, 8 days, 56 hours. 8/3/17 Sick, 1 day, 7 hours.
Julia Robins:	27/2/17, TIL, 1 hour.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: James Gibson

Seconded: Iman Farrar

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

**15.2 Swipe Cards**

Maushmi Powar	Environment Officer
Zhixian Wang	International Students’ Officer

Motion: that Swipe Card requests be approved *en bloc*.

Moved: James Gibson

Seconded: Irene Oh

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

*The meeting was declared closed at 1:56pm.*