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MINUTES of the **7th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 89th SRC, held on 7th April 2017 in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Isabella Brook (Chair), Bella Pytka*, Daniel Ergas*, Samuel Chu, Irene Oh, Liam Donohoe (by Phone), and Patrick Ryan.

Apologies: Ella Bickley, Iman Farrar^, James Gibson

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Melissa de Silva, Chitra Narayanan

Meeting Opened: 10:07am

*^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 Ella Bickley, Iman Farrar, and James Gibson.
The apologies were noted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 24th March 2017 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 24th March 2017 be accepted.

Moved: Samuel Chu

Seconded: Irene Oh

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 WH&S Officer.

7. Report of the President

Isabella Brook tables a written report.

We should find out our SSAF allocation either before the end of today or sometime next week, so I'll keep exec updated on that. Once we've received SSAF we can start working on the budget.

The planned proposal to semester dates was voted down in the last academic board meeting which is a fantastic result for students. I'm pleased to have worked alongside a number of academics, the NTEU and other student reps to achieve this outcome.

Right now my main focus is on a number of student issues across the university.

First are the ongoing discussions I'm having with the university in regards to academic advice. I've organised a meeting with Pip Pattison, DVC education to follow up these concerns.

I'm looking into doing some more work around the centralization of student admin. Two main issues are the closure of admin desks on satellite campuses meaning that students can no longer receive face-to-face advice and that no log is being kept of the advice given. I've organised a meeting with the Deputy Registrar to discuss what can be done in regards to these issues.

Myself and the SUPRA Presidents have been doing some work with the Uni's education portfolio around the implementation of a standardised Unit of Study Outline. There is the need for this information to be presented in a consistent format across the Uni and we think students will benefit greatly from this. It's also good because we're pushing for important information about sexual assault to be included.

I've been talking with the International Student OBs as well as SUPRA and some Academic Board reps to get gain some momentum on the issue of International Student Travel Concessions. I'm setting up a meeting with Spence to try and get the university to support the campaign as well as talking with some other campuses across the state.

The Uni has announced new plans for student housing to be built on City Road at the regiment building. They're claiming these places will be affordable at \$300 pw for a 7-10sq m room. We're advocating for these spaces to be ACTUALLY affordable, for a number of rooms to be put aside as emergency accommodation and for spaces to be guaranteed for disadvantaged students.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Bella Pytko

Seconded: Samuel Chu

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

There was no report from the Vice Presidents.

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Bella Pytko and Daniel Ergas gave a verbal report.

Not much to add from Wednesday's Council Meeting:

- Electoral Regulations changes passed
- We are getting advice about the Co-Op Bookshop AGM.

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

Moved: Samuel Chu

Seconded: Irene Oh

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

RESSOS CONFERENCE

We are organising a conference for the network of caseworkers from student organisations around Australia. We have a bit of interest, about a dozen registrations so far, and I expect another 5 or 6. We have managed to do everything on the cheap, with the exception of one speaker, Nina Funnell, who is doing a 90 minute session called "Sexual assault within university communities: prevention, intervention and response - a way forward". She is self employed, so different to all the others where their time is covered by the organisations they work for. We have asked people to pay \$120 for registration, so we will be able to cover most of the cost of the speaker, but I thought I would ask for some money for the conference just in case we fall short. The budget I am using is about \$25 per person per day for food, and the other \$70 to our kitty for speakers (fees and gifts) and ancillary costs (whatever they might be). So I reckon the cost of rego for our caseworkers will probably be enough to cover any possible short fall, i.e., \$600.

REPLACING LORNA

Lorna has asked for leave without pay from 7 August to 21 November to do a rural placement for her degree. I think it'll be a terrific experience for her, and will also benefit and inform her and us when she returns. During this time it would be helpful to hire someone to take her place. She is a 0.6 worker so she is missing 46 days of work.

For the project money from the 2016 SSAF we have 69 days left. Can we use all of those days plus the 10 week project money from 2017 to extend Heather's contract.

Motion: that the report of the Casework and Policy Manager be accepted, and that the contract extension be held over till SSAF allocation.

Moved: Bella Pytka

Seconded: Daniel Ergas

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

10. Report of the Administration Manager

SRC Grants 2005 and 2006

Background:

The SRC used to fund the B&A Fund in the past. However this practice ceased approximately when the VSU came into effect in 2007.

The grants from SRC for 2 preceding financial years ended 30 November 2005 and 2006 totaling \$78,415 remains unpaid since. This amount is shown as receivables (Debtors) in B&A Fund and payables (Creditors) in SRC balance sheet.

The SRC seeks to write off this debt on the basis that the B&A Fund has been using SRC staff and the amount of wages and employment costs over the years is more than the amount SRC is owing to B&A Fund.

Julia Robins is now a signatory for the chequebook so there will always be two people available to sign checks while Chitra Narayanan is away.

Hani Bawazir will be doing pays while Chitra Narayanan is away. Chitra Narayanan will be back in a month.

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

Moved: Daniel Ergas

Seconded: Bella Pytka

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was nothing to report from the Legal Service Manager.

Patrick Ryan entered the meeting at 10:35am

14. Any Other Reports

14.1 Report of the Education Officers

There was no report from the Education Officers

14.2 Report of the Women’s Officers

There was nothing to report from the Women’s Officer

There was some discussion the regularity of reporting from Office Bearers.

Samuel Chu left the meeting at 10:55am

Liam Donohoe left the meeting at 10:55am

13. Approval of Payments

13.1 Invoices

Nina Funnell:	\$250	Guest speaker at Wo.Co. film screening panel
Wo.Co.:	\$64	Pizza for Sexual Assault Services Information Session.
Casework:	\$75	Opal Card for a casework student to travel in.

13.2 Reimbursements

Imogen Grant (WoCo):	\$50	Materials for placards
Wai Ting Ng (Int):	\$86.35	Food for International Students’ Collective
Steven Kwon (CRAC):	\$8.42	Sticky tape
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Kelton Muir (CRAC):	\$111	Food For T-shirt making day

Motion: that 13.1 and 13.2 be approved en bloc.

Moved: Daniel Ergas

Seconded: Bella Pytka

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Breda Dee: TIL, 03/04/17, ¼ day, 2 hours
TIL, 05/04/17, ½ day, 3.25 hours
Annual, 07/04/17, 1 day, 7 hours
Hani Bawazir: Annual, 06/04/17, 1 day 7.5 hours
Annual, 03/01/18 – 19/01/18, 9 days, 66 hours
Julie Harrison: TIL, 10/04/17, 1 day, 8 hours
Julia Robins: Annual, 27/04/17, 1 day, 5 hours
Melissa de Silva: TIL, 27/03/17, 1 day, 7 hours
Annual, 29/03/17, ½ day, 3.5 hours
Sharon Maher: TIL, 21/04/17 – 24/04/17, 2 days, 14 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Irene Oh

Seconded: Patrick Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14.1. Report of the Publication Managers

RE: Quadrangle SRC Noticeboards Signage

We got asked by the caseworkers to work up some new signage for the SRC noticeboards in the Quad which have gone to ruin. (Pics attached).

The artwork outlines an overview of our services. It's the same text as our wall planner and services guide, developed in conjunction with the caseworkers.

The cost for printing are as follows:

1 x 2660 x 900mm print on 360 gsm polypropylene \$80.00 inc GST

1 x 1760 x 900mm print on 360 gsm polypropylene \$55.00 inc GST

1 x Freight - 18.00 inc GST

Total: \$153

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

Moved: Daniel Ergas

Seconded: Patrick Ryan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting was declared closed at 11:10