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**MINUTES** of the **2nd** meeting of the Executive Committee, 90th SRC, held on Friday the 2nd February in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

**PRESENT:** Imogen Grant (Chair), Nina Dillon Britton\*, Adriana Olguin Malavisi^, Steven Wu^, Thomas Manousaridis, Maya Eswaran, Aaron Yi, and Zixuan Wei.

Apologies: Bella Pytka

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Winston Ma

Meeting Opened: 1:11

\*^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 Bella Pytka

The apologies were noted.

### **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 be accepted.

Moved: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

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 WHS Officer*

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

Imogen Grant gave a written report

#### **Invasion Day**

This year's rally marked 230 years since British military forces invaded Gadigal land and declared British rule over this continent, along with Aotearoa and other Pacific Islands. The rally was

enormous, with the massive crowd loudly stating that our national celebration is disrespectful and needs to change. Many local government councils around the country have accepted the need for change and are supporting Aboriginal community events instead of the normal nationalist garbage on January 26th.

The legacy and impacts of colonialism are still felt today in Australia. Aboriginal children are still being taken from their families. Suicide rates of Aboriginal children are the highest in the world. Aboriginal children have been placed in solitary confinement in the youth "justice" system amounting to torture and potential violations of international law. Land dispossession continues in the name of resource extraction and profit. Aboriginal peoples have been targeted for "income management" schemes.

At Yabun Festival, I spoke to organisers from the First Nations Workers Alliance (FNWA). FNWA was established by the ACTU in response to the Turnbull Government's Community Development Program (CDP), which is punitive, heavy-handed and racially discriminatory. FNWA provides \$500 membership for union organisations who want to support the campaign. The SRC should strongly consider becoming a member organisation of the FNWA. We are an organisation that cares about social justice and has always had unwavering opposition to colonialism. Justice at a university-level will never be truly just without the justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait people and any oppressed people around this country.

**Facts about the CDP program:**

- CDP workers are not actually classified as workers. They get well below the minimum wage (the dole pays \$11.60/hour or \$290/week) for working for 25 hours a week for non-profit and now for-profit businesses.
- They are not covered by the Fair Work Act, they don't have Federal OHS protections or workers compensation and they can't take annual leave, sick leave or carer's leave.
- Those under the CDP are forced to work up to three times longer than city-based jobseekers to receive welfare payments. Since July 2015, less than 3,500 Indigenous participants found full-time or part-time work lasting six months or more.
- CDP workers have 70 times the financial penalties imposed upon them than non-remote dole workers.
- Fines for missing activities under CDP – which covers a tiny fraction of the population – account for more than half the total penalties across the entire welfare system.

**NUS Presidents' Summit**

Presidents' Summit is an annual conference held by NUS every year. The Summit was a great opportunity to meet Presidents and General Secretaries from across Australia and discuss cross-campus plans of the year ahead. The NUS National Office Bearers also presented their reports and plans for the year. Myself and various SRC Office Bearers will be in close contact with them in the lead up to O-Week so that we can run NUS campaigns on campus and have their resources prepared for our stalls. The training programs on SSAF submissions, media, senate submissions and petitions were especially useful.

- It was good for skill sharing and a media workshops
- Guest speakers from the NTEU and reports from the National Officer Bearers were interesting

### **SSAF Negotiation**

As Tyrone Carlin (former DVC-Registrar) is no longer working at the University, Professor Pip Patterson (DVC-Education) will now be taking over the Student Life portfolio and be handling SSAF negotiations. I met with Pip last week to discuss the process for accessing the contestable SSAF funding. The timeline for the Acquittal and SSAF Submission are much later this year than usual, with the process expected to begin early next week.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Nina Dillon Britton

Seconded: Thomas Manousaridis

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

Steven Wu gave a written report

SRC is representing the interest of all undergraduate students on campus, including international students. However, international students are not familiar with the functions of SRC and hence they can neither approach SRC when necessary nor take an active part in all the campaigns around our campus. As a result, it appears that increasing the publicity of SRC in international student community is essential for the benefit of both international students and SRC.

Concession opal card has always been the focus topic among all international students in USYD. Although international students have paid an insanely huge amount of fees, they are still not entitled to the student concession opal card. The substantial and unfair transportation fee significantly contributes to their financial burdens. Furthermore, this also indicates a social discrimination against international students. Therefore, it is essential to continue concession opal card campaign in order to raise the awareness of international students to fight for their rights.

O-week is undoubtedly the greatest opportunity to publicize SRC in international student community. The best way to publicize is to make international students believe that SRC is always fighting for their rights and dealing with any discrimination against them. Therefore, we come up with a new strategy of giving out opal cards and SRC booklets to undergraduate international students during O-week in order to make them familiarize SRC and play an active role in any future campaigns, including opal card campaign.

In order to estimate a reasonable budget, we started by estimating the total number of international students who are coming to Orientation Days on 28th Feb and 1st Mar. According to the University Statistics Reports, it is estimated that there will be at least 7000 international undergraduate students enrolling in the coming semester. It is apparent from the experience that international students took an extremely active part in Orientation Days.

By referring the number of international students who attended Mentoring program last year, at least 60 per cent of the mentees were international students. Therefore, we made a conservative estimation that there will be at least 2000-3000 international students attending O-week this year after considering the fact that there are still a considerable number of international students who will miss the O-week this year. It is impossible and unpractical to give opal cards to every international student who comes to O-week. Nevertheless, we consider that at least 600 opal cards should be given out to international students in order to effectively publicize SRC in international student community. Therefore, a minimum budget of 6000 dollars is needed to ensure that we could put at least 10 dollars in each opal card.

Imogen Grant asked that as many people express their view on this as possible as it was a large undertaking and huge cost. She noted that in general it was a good idea as the cost of transport is a huge issue for international students, as they do not get student concessions like domestic students and there are restrictions on the number of hours they can work. She also noted that the financials of something like this are more complicated. It is unclear where the funding would come from. The executive discretionary budget is not large enough to cover a cost like this, it is unclear whether other collectives have been consulted and asked to contribute from their budgets to the cost. Other issues with this proposal is that \$10 does not go very far on an adult fare and it more of a token than assistance, it seems like there may be more financially viable means of doing something like this. Imogen also expressed concerns with the fact that they would not be means tested, another issue of concern is because so many free things are handed out at o-week it might not have the same level of impact for awareness of the SRC or international student issues as at other times in the year. Imogen Grant suggested that maybe a loan system based on need might be more effective.

Adriana Olguin Malavisi spoke to the report saying that while she thought the premise of the motion was great there were still some concerns around how it would be executed, namely that handing out 600 cards randomly would in essence be a very expensive publicity stunt, again noting that \$10 does not go very far on an adult ticket.

Nina Dillon Britton raised concern with where in the budget would come from, noting that as last years international student did not submit a budget proposal they were only allocated \$1000 and this alone would cost \$6000.

*Steven Wu entered the meeting at 1:41pm*

Nina Dillon Britton continued saying this is effectively a symbolic gesture, and perhaps the money would be better spent on a campaign asking the university and state government to step in and assist international student with the cost of transport. Nina Dillon Britton also felt that this was not sure that this sort of stunt was part of the roll of the SRC not that it had the capacity to do such as stunt effectively.

Maya Eswaran said that there should be two goals for a campaign on this issue - to get students engaged, and to change state policy. Maya Eswaran felt that this stunt would not meet those goals.

Thomas Manousaridis also spoke to the cost to the SRC vs. benefit to international students being inefficient.

Steven Wu spoke to the report saying that past campaigns have not work for international students and so they were taking a different approach. Steven Wu also asked what the issue with the \$6000 was.

Imogen Grant responded highlighting that even with a significant increase to the International Students' Officers budget, this would effectively spend it at one event during O-Week, and that to cover the cost of this it would need to come from multiple collectives' budgets and that would need their approval. Imogen Grant also reiterated the effectiveness of a \$10 card as being more symbolic than effectual.

*Aaron Yi and Winston Ma entered the meeting at 1:45pm*

Imogen Grant continued noting that in order to pass expenditure from a collective's budget the officers need to place the request, the executive cannot approve spending from a collectives budget without the approval of the Office Bearer. Adding that as last year International Students' Office budget was only \$1000 there would need to be some money offered by other collectives to make this viable. Imogen Grant also noted that until SSAF negotiations being it is unknown what money is available to the SRC let alone how much of the contestable pool we would receive, which allows the SRC to predict how much money we have to work with for the year.

Imogen Grant called for any final remarks

Imogen Grant concluded discussion noting that she felt the executive want to note, rather than accept the report so there is time to better plan, discuss and clarify how and where the money would come from and as to the desired outcome of this expenditure.

The report of the Vice Presidents was **NOTED**.

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

Nina Dillon Britton spoke to her report

Yuxuan Yang is away still, so this is just from me.

Pretty short Gen Sec report since it has only been 1 week and essentially did nothing but Counter-Course until Monday.

### **O-Week**

- Calico bags are confirmed. Waiting on invoice.
- Will be ordering T-shirts along with the collectives who are organised in time next Friday hopefully. I have contacted all collectives with a deadline for information for orders for next Thursday.
- Have not had any more donations yet, but have admittedly not reached out to as many companies yet because have been busy with Counter-Course. This is the current list of companies that I'm working through at the moment:
  - Durex
  - Libra
  - Kinokuniya
  - Better read than dead
  - Elizabeth's bookshop
  - Italian bowl
  - King St tattoo/Industrial strength piercings
  - Young Henries
  - Vic on the Park
  - Repressed Records
  - Dean's Diner
  - Cream on King
  - Badde Manors
  - Gelato Messina

### **Counter-Course**

- All done! Thanks so much to Publications Managers
- Posted a draft PDF into the SRC OB and councillors FB group and received no dissent, have had really positive feedback.
- For the first time we will have sections in other languages than English, we have one section currently in the printed version in Mandarin and hope to have digital copies of the whole publication in Mandarin, Cantonese and Malay. As content just needs to be translated the biggest task will be adjusting the layout.

- Would like to thank all the contributors:

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- Yuxuan Yang

Imogen Grant asked if the T-shirts were being invoice to the SRC or paid upfront

Nina Dillon Britton said the SRC would be invoiced and that they are still collecting all the information from collectives about number and designs to get accurate quotes form companies.

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

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

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

We have no keyboards in the OB's office as they have all been misplaced or stopped working over time. We also need a few for staff and Honi.

Request: 10x wired keyboard at \$110 total including shipping and GST = \$1,100

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

Moved: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

Seconded: Nina Dillon Britton

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

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

*There was noting to report from the Casework and Policy Manager*

**12. SRC Legal Service Report**

*There was nothing to report from the Legal Service*

**13. Approval of Payments**

**13.1. Invoices**

Honi Soit 2017                    \$319                    107 Projects semester 1 launch party

**13.2 Reimbursements**

Lara Sonnenschein (EAG):        \$30                    GIPA about the University’s investments.  
Imogen Grant:                    \$323.49              Travel costs of NUS Presidents summit

Motion: that the reimbursements and invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**14. Any Other Reports**

**14.1. Report of the Ethno-Cultural Officers**

**Funding for O-Week Stall / Materials**

For our O-Week stall, we’ve organised to have 50 x ACAR t-shirts printed with an originally designed logo. We do not currently have the estimates from the General Secretaries regarding a specific price for how much these will come to, would funding for these be possible? We will send through an estimate as soon as we have one, but I suspect this will come to around \$500.00. (We are happy for this to take a chunk from our overall budget.)

As for additional materials, we were hoping to get some brown paper bags and customised stickers. This should all come to approximately \$585.00. (See breakdown.)

- 50 x custom t-shirts = 500.00
- 500 x brown paper bags (they only come in bulk, happy for other stalls to have some of these -- we will only need 50-100) = 14.95
- 250 x stickers (used throughout the year) = 70.00
- = 584.95

**Funding for O-Week Event**

(Not entirely sure that you guys provide funding for food etc.? Should this be directed elsewhere?) We intend to hold a zine-making workshop @ Courtyard on Thursday the 9th of March. We expect approx. 30 attendees.

For this workshop we will require old magazines, and would need to purchase them second-hand, as well as glue sticks (x15), scissors (x30), and one ream of paper. This should come to a total of approximately \$105.00. (Breakdown below.)

- 1 x paper (500 sheets, recycled) = 4.99

- 20 x glue (Bostik 8g 20-pack) = 19.90
- 30 x scissors (Maped Greenlogic Scissors 17cm @ \$1 each) = 30.00
- Second-hand magazines = 50.00
- = 104.89

We have also estimated how much food we'll need to order and have calculated a total of \$369.00. (Breakdown below.)

- 1 x Bar Snacks Package = 100
- 1 x Mezze = 110
- 1 x Garlic & Cheese = 10
- 2 x Roma tomato, buffalo Mozzarella = 28
- 1 x Potato & Rosemary (Vegan) = 15
- 2 x Artichoke, cheese, zucchini = 31
- 2 x Chicken, lemon thyme, onion = 35
- 2 x Salami tomato olives = 32
- 1 x Pancetta rocket fontina cheese = 16
- = 369.00

**Total funding request for ACAR O-Week Event & Stall:**  
= 1059.00

Warmest regards,  
The ACAR OBs.

Nina Dillon Britton spoke to the report expressing concern at the amount and cost of food, noting that in the past the USU has covered the cost of catering some of their events and that there are many event that are larger where the catering costs are less. Nina Dillon Britton also noted that the cost suggested for T-Shirt was much too high and they the officers should get in touch with the General Secretaries to get a better idea of costs, but that the cost of Zine materials, stickers and paper bags were fine.

*Steven Wu, Aaron Yi and Winston Ma left the room at 2:10*

Imogen Grant explained that the collectives have an interesting relationship with the USU with regards to social event as they often work with the USU identity directors.

Adriana Olguin Malavisi said she was sure that a better deal could be cut on the cost of food.

Imogen Grant asked if the \$500 was reasonable for T-shirts was reasonable

Nina said she felt they could wait till the General Secretaries have finished collecting request to get the quote next week.

*Steven Wu, Aaron Yi and Winston Ma returned at 2:18*

Motion: that the report of the Ethno-Cultural Officers be accepted, excluding the catering and T-Shirts expenditure until further consultation with the general secretaries and the USU has been provided.

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Thomas Manousaridis

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

## **15. Other Business**



### **15.1 Staff Leave**

Julia Robins	Leave without pay, 17/01/18, 1 day, 5 hours
Laura Kitsos	Annual, 08/02/18, 1 days 7 hours
Lorna Pringle	TIL/Annual, 01/02/18 – 05/02/18, 2 days, 14 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

### **15.2 Further Questions on the Vice President's report**

Steven Wu asked to return to discussion on the vice president report.

Steven Wu asked why it could not come from the executive's discretionary budget

Imogen Grant clarified that the executive's discretionary budget was neither large enough nor really used for a campaign like this. It's main role is to cover capital good costs that all collectives can use such as mega phones and PA systems as well as covering the expenses of the President such as travel and registration costs for conferences they attend.

Steven Wu asked if it could come from an increase in the International Students' Office budget as \$1000 was much too low anyway, and if this could be done now rather than later.

Imogen Grant explained that when the SSAF contestable pool is announced the General Secretaries will call for budget submission from the collectives/ officers to gain an idea of how and where the funds will need to be allocated. As there was no submission from the International Student's Officers last year the budget was small, and it is not expected it will be that small this year.

Maya Eswaran also noted that it might be more prudent to do a smaller number of cards as a promotional tool and save money for a bigger campaign later in semester.

Imogen Grant said that a poll for the next meeting would be done later today to call a meeting for next week.

*The meeting was declared closed at 2:27pm*