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**MINUTES** of the **3rd** meeting of the Executive Committee, 90th SRC, held on 7th February in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

**PRESENT:** Imogen Grant (Chair), Nina Dillon Britton\*, Yuxuan Yang\*, Adriana Olguin Malavisi^, Thomas Manousaridis, and Maya Eswaran.

Apologies: Zixuan Wei, Aaron Yi, and Bella Pytka.

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance:

Meeting Opened:

\*^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

Moved:

Seconded:

The apologies were accepted.

### **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> February be accepted.

Moved:

Seconded:

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

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

There was no business arising from the minutes.

### **5. Correspondence**

Questions to the Exec with regards to its social media policies were received from George Bishop

1. Who or which office is responsible for maintaining and posting on the SRC's Facebook account?
2. In relation to question 1, are they empowered either by the Regulations, Constitution or a resolution of Council or the Executive to do so?
3. On what basis is content selected by the person/s who operate the Facebook account?

4. Must content comply with formal SRC Policy on political matters which are the subject of the posts? What are the consequences if it does not?
5. Is there a process of review whereby councilors and/or members of the executive can review and/or report non-compliance with any of the above matters?

I'm not sure what initiated these questions. For clarity no posts from the SRC facebook page have broken with SRC policy or regulations. It is my understanding is we as the executive all have admin control of the SRC facebook page. But it is under my remit as the president to do all public media posts.

The SRC services are run by the caseworkers through SRC Help, we sometimes also use these posts around important dates and deadlines to make sure as many student are aware as possible. Otherwise the SRC page is mostly for promoting the stances of the council which are determined by motions passed at council.

Motion: That these questions be answered in the President report at the Council meeting of the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Moved: Nina Dillon Britton

Seconded: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

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

There was nothing to report

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

### **SSAF Negotiation**

We have not yet been contacted by Pip Patterson or her department with a timeline for the official SSAF process. Nonetheless, the SRC has begun preparations to access SSAF funding. Myself and the General Secretaries will be meeting with all the department heads this week to discuss their 2018 initiatives and request costings. Afterwards, the SRC will be liaising with the other student organisations to discuss how much funding we will be requesting. Suggested projects thus far have included investments into video technology, a research officer, outreach caseworker and so on.

### **SRC Newsletter**

The SRC will be launching an online newsletter that will be sent to students. It will be a low-density newsletter sent every month, with the option to unsubscribe. The newsletter will be an important opportunity to promote SRC services (e.g. before landmark dates such as show cause) and political campaigns to students. Mickie and I will be working on the layout in the upcoming weeks with the intention to send out on Monday 26 February before O-Week. I will be contacting Office Bearers before then re submitting content.

### **SRC Marquee**

Mickie has finalised the branding for the marquee. View the printouts for final approval before commissioning. The marquee will take approximately a week to print.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Yuxuan Yang

Seconded: Nina Dillon Britton

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

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

Adriana Olguin Malavisi gave a verbal report

Since the beginning of my term, I have been trying to think of ways in which I can actively get involved in my role as vice-president. Previously the role has been quite vague. The SRC Constitution and Regulations outline the role as a liaison with societies, committees, and OB's in order to help with the running and publicity of campaigns on campus, as well aiding the President in whatever they need. I have had meetings with the executive and O-Week planning committee in order to plan the logistics behind O-Week. I have spoken to my co-VP to see what our goals are this year, and have been actively trying to see how I can best fulfil my role.

I have been in contact with the welfare department about a campaign they are planning and will be providing any help they require. As for what I want to focus on this year, I have been doing some brainstorming and have come up with a few ideas, one of which is starting an initiative, which helps students find access to mental health services. I know it may seem over-played in some ways, and of course there's a lot of resources, however having gone through first year university and really struggling with mental health made it clear that although there are quite a few services available, it can be quite overwhelming and they're often not the most accessible services.

Bombarding students with information on all the services that are available - although absolutely necessary - doesn't always make them accessible. Students need to know how to access the mental health services available to them in such a way that they are comfortable, and confident that they will receive genuinely meaningful advice and assistance. Another thing is making sure students know all the options they have when it comes to appeals and special consideration, as the schools and faculties often fail to make this clear. Obviously the special considerations system can often be quite brutal, but it does provide a lot of safe guards and support for students who are struggling with their mental and/or physical health, though we should still push for a more compassionate system.

Nina Dillon Britton asked if Adriana Olguin Malavisi wanted to talk to other office bears with regard to building a campaign, noting that much of the conversation around mental health on campus are often more trivial than educational

Adriana Olguin Malavisi said that there needs to be more practical information not just random therapy dogs around exam time

Thomas Manousaridis added that this was an opportunity to promote good accessible services outside the university provided services.

Nina Dillon Britton added the SRC caseworkers were working on a pamphlet for international students about their healthcare rights.

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

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Nina Dillon Britton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

- On T-Shirts: said we will order them on Friday, that won't happen but I need to get all the requests in sooner so we can actually get them on time. ASEN has asked to order with us to reduce the cost but they will pay for their share.

- There may not be condoms in the bag this year as no one is offering us any, which is sad.
- ACAR are asking the SUU about their event

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

Moved: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

Seconded: Thomas Manousaridis

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

**10. Report of the Administration Manager**

*There was nothing to report*

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

There was nothing to report

**12. SRC Legal Service Report**

There was nothing to report

**13. Approval of Payments**

There were no payments for approval

**14. Other Reports**

**14.1 Report of the Publication Managers**

**From spot press:**

Dear HONI SOIT C/-SYDNEYUNI SRC

We regret that the rapidly rising costs for paper, energy and freight necessitate our raising the price of all publications by **4.95%**.

This adjustment, will take effective **1st March 2018**. We anticipate no additional rate increases for the next full year.

Whilst we have made every attempt to avoid the increase, we refuse to compromise on quality of stock sourced from reputable mills from around the world. This now remains our only recourse.

The adjustment is a result of the significant cost increases we have sustained over the last 12 months, well in excess of 12% and far greater the CPI rate.

For example, electricity and gas costs have increase by over 80%, transportation costs by over 20%, but more so, all the major paper mills have imposed significant price increases in the last quarter. The latest increases imposed by the paper mills are due to:

- Increased international demand for pulp caused by a recent change in the environmental policies of China regarding raw material imports.
- Significant global capacity reduction due to mill insolvencies and acquisitions

We further take our price increase to you very seriously. This increase is our bare minimum, as we do understand the impact that this may have on your publication. Rest assured that Spotpress is continuously and strategically managing the impact of costs increases to the manufacturing process to ensure the viability of our businesses in an industry that is rapidly consolidating.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above or if you wish to discuss your situation further, please feel free to contact your sales representative at your earliest convenience.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and we look forward to a successful year 2018.

**RE: Honi Soit publication Stand updates**

We need to update our Honi Soit publications stand infrastructure as many are very old and damaged. The following is a list of stand purchases options that we think are required:

**Option 1 (10 Required)**

<https://www.ebay.com.au/itm/Wire-Newspaper-Rack-Magazine-Stand-Literature-Holder-Book-Magazine-Display/301953749480>

USD \$539.80 + USD \$760 postage = USD \$1299.80 = AUD \$1648.04

**OPTION 2 (10 required)**

<https://www.ebay.com.au/itm/Wood-magazine-rack-newspaper-rack-magazine-display-literature-stand-fixture/272248748354>

USD \$1599.90 + USD \$760 postage = USD \$2359.90 = AUD \$2994.42

**OPTION 3 (10 required)**

As the imported stands from the USA are very expensive especially after postage, I propose making them myself in my friend's workshop. They would be the same as the wooden stands in option 2, which are much stronger and durable than the wire stands, however I would make them to display the paper in portrait rather than landscape (sideways) as above. And I would make them out of a much better looking material, black form ply (pictured below).

I have calculated that the costs, including acrylic display sleeve, would be \$80 per unit, and would require 2 days overtime in the workshop to make.

\$800 materials + \$831.82 OT = \$1631.82

Motion: To accept the Publication Mangers report and got for option three where Mickie makes the stands.

Moved: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

Seconded: Thomas Manousaridis

**15. Other Business**

**15.1 After hours access**

Brandon Hale (Student housing)

Liam Donohoe (Council)

Motion: that the after hours access be approved en bloc.

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Thomas Manousaridis

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

*The meeting was declared closed at 3:52.*