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**MINUTES** of the **6th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 90th SRC, held on Tuesday 13th March in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

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

Apologies: Bella Pytka (Yuxuan Yang passed on Nina Dillon Britton's apologies at 3:20pm)

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: N/A

Meeting Opened: 3:13

\*^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 meetings of the Executive held on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February were distributed.

Yuxuan Yang entered the meeting at 3:19

Motion: that the minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> February be accepted.

Moved: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

Seconded: Thomas Manousaridis

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*

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

## **MYEFO**

Just a brief update on MYEFO lobbying etc. The Federal Government has agreed that students entering 'vertically integrated degrees' (the combined bachelors/masters under the new curriculum) will be Commonwealth Supported Places for the duration of their time at university. For students entering these VIDs from 2019 onwards, they will be full fee paying students for the masters portion of their degree. Re performance funding - there is complete uncertainty as to how the university will increase its funding after the cap. The university does not know how performance will be measured or what the performance criteria will consist of. E.g. Will it be just education performance? Or will it include research performance? The government is unable to give clear answers at this point, so it appears they do not even know how performance will be measured. It is clear this is just part of a government-led push toward the privatisation of universities and the rise of private sector-style management. Join the EAG and NUS in protesting against these outrageous attacks to our education. Join us in protest on 1pm March 21, New Law Lawns.

## **Anonymous Marking**

In 2016, following a discussion paper by the SRC, consultation with student groups and faculties, the Academic Board approved changes to the Assessment Procedures 2011 to introduce anonymous marking.

The change was the introduction of Clause 5(7) of the Assessment Procedures 2011 which states:

*In examinations, test or other assessments consisting of written elements, students should be identified on scripts, essay books or answers sheets by Student Identification Number only. Names should not be used.*

Anonymous marking is now ready to commence with the first written assessments in Semester 1, and Canvas LMS and other University Systems have been adapted accordingly.

Anonymous marking was pushed by student members of Academic Board in 2016 to ensure fair marking for all students by reducing implicit bias which can affect all markers, regardless of their intention to discriminate against students. This phenomena arises due to the 'expectancy effect' where markers will construct 'schema' to assign students to a pre-formed group, often drawing on stereotypes to do so. These unconscious processes are hardly remarkable when one considers the number of papers markers grade, and the speed at which they are expected to evaluate a student's work.

The policy change drew from widespread literature on the presence of bias in non-anonymous marking procedures. Research from a United Kingdom OFSTED study found that students with African or Asian names received 12% lower marks in institutions without anonymous marking. One study from the University of Wales following the implementation of anonymous marking that the number of women achieving firsts (equivalent of HD) increased by 13%. University of College London has strict anonymous marking and multiple marking policies for all exams. ANU and Monash have already implemented anonymous marking to various extents.

University-wide there is no contestation that, in principle, anonymous marking is desirable. However, there has been some concerns from staff around how it may undermine the feedback process and create an extra burden on staff.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

Adriana Olguin Malavisi gave a verbal report:

- Have been working on getting 'Services Week' up and running, mostly only the Executive have responded to request and calls for interest
- Have sent out an email to all Office Bearers as well as posts on the Facebook group but so far there have been no replies
- Really hoping to get Collectives involved, as they will have a better base knowledge about services both on and off campus pertaining to their members
- At the present time we are aiming for either week 6 or 7.

Thomas Manousaridis noted that as well as Services week the SRC could hold a stall on Eastern Avenue during [Study Vacation] to raise awareness of our services.

Imogen Grant added that this is done regularly by casework staff out at satellite campuses and suggested that the Executive and some Office Bearers could go out there with them sometime.

Maya Eswaran recommended that Adriana bring this up at the next council to get office bearers attention.

Adriana Olguin Malavisi said she was intending to do just that at the last council but it was inquorate.

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

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

O-Week this year was a week of firsts:

- Got 1500 SRC bags into the hands of students which is the largest ever amount the SRC has done. This will hopefully get more students than ever before
- Counter-Course was into Chinese for the first time in the SRC's history thanks to Yuxuan, which will help us reach out to more international students than ever before
- We signed up more than 400 students to our new newsletter in order to get a back which will help us reach out more consistently to students than we have in the past
- We've put up a prize to follow us on Facebook to stay in the loop with the SRC's activities. We advertised this through O-Week and will also do again so with our newsletter
- The SRC Caseworkers had their own stall at O-Week, which allowed them to reach out to more students and make them aware of our services.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who helped out at the stall and/or handed out our bags and other materials as well as everyone who helped pack the bags.

Have reached out to OBs if they would like to do a text-out to let people know that their next collective meeting is happening. Haven't had heaps of interest but will chase up again.

Also, think it would be a great idea to do our SRC outreach stalls consistently in tandem with FUNCH. Could do simple things like hot-chocolate (which is cheap and popular when colder) to get people excited to.

Finalising the Email Newsletter

- Mickey is working on this so it's beautiful should be going out tomorrow
- If there is anything people want to include – (maybe the form that the stall was collecting responses from today?) can you please send through ASAP.

Yuxuan Yang added to the report saying that Nina Dillon Britton and he had decided to divide the collective between them and work with those collectives accordingly. Also that there had been a stall on Eastern Avenue today, it was not great weather for it but the volunteers still came and they were able to speak to students, and they would like to continue doing these in the future. They handed out a number of materials to student's and while students seemed mostly interested in our services they hoped they would be interested in our campaigns and collectives also.

Imogen Grant asked if setting up the marquee was easy or difficult?

Yuxuan Yang noted that it was quite difficult to set up, but it was the first time and it was raining.

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

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

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**

**13.1 Reimbursements**

Nina Dillon Britton (O-Week):	\$35	Typeform membership
	\$33.96	Balloons for O-Week
	\$34.99	Helium tank for balloons
Bec Sallit (Admin):	\$8.00	Bungee cords for casework
	\$18.00	Laminating for O-Week
	\$18.00	Bowles for O-Week lollies
Tanushi-Radha Saha (ACAR):	\$49.50	ACAR welcome event
Jazzlyn Breen (QuAC):	\$194.94	Stickers for QuAC O-Week stall

The Executive recommended that collectives go to Oz Sticker printing in the future, as they are much cheaper.

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Yuxuan Yang

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

## **14. Any Other Reports**

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

O-Week was very exhilarating with the launch of the Red Zone Report, the subsequent rally, and our impromptu protest of the LifeChoices anti-abortion stall. We painted a banner to drop from the Quadrangle for visual effect for the Red Zone rally and had speakers including both wom\*n's officers, Anna Hush (EROC ambassador), Imogen, Nina Funnell (co-authored the report) and Laura Wilson from the NTEU. It was great to see a large amount of support for the rally because the issue is ever important and should garner outrage. We had a good number of sign ups to the collective at the stall, and have now formalised weekly meeting times for the collective, which will be alternating each week so that the largest amount of collective members may attend.

We are also in the process of formalising our abortion clinic assistance service whereby members of the collective usher patients past menacing pro-life protestors. A separate Facebook group has been set up to facilitate and organise the service. Hopefully it will be short lived as the Safe Access Zone amendment to the Summary Offences Act is passed by State parliament by the end of Easter. In this vein, we are protesting the 'Day Of The Unborn Child' event held by the Catholic Church in the CBD where much anti-abortion rhetoric is spouted in an unscientific and misogynistic way, on Sunday at 11am outside St. Mary's Cathedral.

We are also finally launching Growing Strong on March 21st (the day of the NDA!). It will be at the Red Rattler, contributors will be doing readings of their pieces, and we are also in the process of recruiting performers for the evening. We hope everyone except members of the Liberal party can attend.

#### **FUNDING REQUESTS**

Growing Strong launch  
\$210 tech fee + \$190 drinks tab

Launching Growing Strong is important for the collective: it is a way for us to recognise and celebrate the two months of work which went into its creation, and also to highlight the marginalised voices of its contributors: wom\*n, non-binary people, queer people, wom\*n of colour, Aboriginal wom\*n... It is rare for any Sydney art-scene event to celebrate this myriad of identities. We feel obligated to do this because it is necessary that such voices are pedestaled, and it is also our duty, as a collective to this, when the mainstream will not.

We have chosen the Red Rattler Theatre in Marrickville as our venue as it is sympathetic to 'not-for-profit' organisations; the umbrella, in this circumstance, under which the Wom\*n's Collective falls. Thereby we have not been charged with a fee for hiring the venue.

However we will be required to pay tech costs for the duration of the event (7-12pm) alongside the two hours before for set up purposes (5-7pm). At \$30 an hour, this accrues to \$210 dollars. We hope that the executive will consider this as a necessary cost as we feel that it is important to the purpose of the night that there be music for enjoyment.

Furthermore, the provision of both alcoholic and non-alcoholic refreshments (which we have capped at \$190 as we do not feel it is necessary nor worthwhile to exceed expenditure of more than \$400 on this event) would also enhance an atmosphere of enjoyment and lightheartedness, integral to any party.

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

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Maya Eswaran left the meeting at 3:45

## **15. Other Business**

### **15.1 Memorandum**

I hereby submit a report to executive regarding the suggested provisions for doubtful debts and the proposed write-offs of bad debt of the B&A Fund for the financial year ended 30/11/2017. If approved, these journal entries will be recorded into the accounts of the 90th Council.

I am requesting the current executive authorise to approve on behalf of the 90<sup>th</sup> executive the write off of \$550 for bad debts, which is made up of 11 emergency loans and authorise a provision of \$300 represents 6 emergency loans. All the before-mentioned loans have been categorised as delinquent due to the borrower's refusal to honour their loan contracts.

The period that we are writing off this bad debt is from 2015. See attached for the details.

Motion: to accept the memorandum

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Yuxuan Yang

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **15.2 International Student's receipt**

Yuxuan Yang has a photo of a receipt from the International student's collective from a welcome BBQ they held. Asked if we could approve the spending.

Imogen Grant said they would have to fill in the reimbursement form and attach the original receipt like all the other collectives and then if could come to the exec for approval, alternatively they can write a report as request the funding in the like the women's collective did today – they will still need to submit a reimbursement form.

### **15.3 Student Housing Event**

Yuxuan Yang said that one of the student housing officers has contacted him asking for \$200 for a forum event.

Imogen Grant said that they would need to send that request to the Secretary to Council and explain what it money is for, and then it will come to the executive.

*The meeting was declared closed at 3:52*