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MINUTES of the **12th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 90th SRC, held on 26th September in the President's Office, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Imogen Grant (Chair), Steven Wu[^], Thomas Manousaridis, Maya Eswaran,

Apologies: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Nina Dillon Britton* by phone at 3:24pm

Meeting Opened: 3:20pm

*[^]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 Adriana Olguin Malavisi

The apologies were noted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 16th August were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 16th August be accepted.

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Steven Wu

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

Imogen gave a verbal report

Union Day:

- On the 17th September the SRC hosted Union Day with 14 unions in attendance
- There was good Moral at the stalls considering it was elections
- There were a number of students who signed up to their respective unions
- Things to note for future/next year
 - Aim to do this in semester 1
 - Don't hold this event during elections
 - Make it more fun and festive
 - Build stronger connections with faculties to help promote event/ engage students
- Hoping this becomes an annual event and continue to grow

SSAF Application:

- The University underestimated enrolment and as such the projected SSAF pool was smaller than it actually is
- In the past, this extra 2 million has gone straight to student services without consultation or knowledge of the other stakeholders including us
- This year things are changing and we are going back into negotiation to try get some more funding for projects everyone is included
- They are more interested in where the money is going than in previous years, there seems to be an improvement in transparency.

Other:

- We have interviews with student safety coming up
 - It will be a faculty review and not student support servers unfortunately
 - There are concerns over the demographics and if they are broad enough

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

There was nothing to report

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Nina Dillon Britton gave a verbal report

- SSAF has been covered by Imogen Grant Working on building as auto messenger for the SRC Facebook page so people can get to the correct place sooner
- Want to do a similar thing around wage theft
- End of year reports from Office Bearers as well as handover packs being organised.

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

Moved: Steven Wu

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

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

Dear Exec, I request \$80- for a training webinar - details below. This is relevant and helpful to the current and future work of the Department.

Short changed at work: Wage theft from migrant workers

Wage theft is endemic in the migrant worker community. Every week Redfern Legal Centre advises several people who have been underpaid their wages. Migrant workers, including backpackers and International Students, are particularly vulnerable to exploitation because of the temporary nature of their visas.

This webinar will help you to support international students and backpackers in working out whether they have been underpaid and how to recover these wages.

The webinar will be valuable to all community workers, advocates and volunteers, in services such as financial counselling, migrant resource centres, universities and community legal centres.

This webinar will be applicable Australia-wide.

Presenter: Sharmilla Bargon, Employment Solicitor, Redfern Legal Centre

Thursday 18 October, 2018

2pm - 3pm AEDT (or watch the recording later)

Also:

the ISANA conference focussing on issues that caseworkers experience with international students.

This training will be very valuable and as such we would like for me and Sharon to attend. The early bird registration is \$895 each, so I'd like to ask for \$1790 to be authorised for registration. The conference website is: <http://2018.isanaconference.com/registration>

The Exec. recently approved the employment of a new casework person at 21 hours per week for 26 weeks, in line with the approved 2018 SRC Budget for a temporary research role. This casework position would free up those hours for me to take on the Researcher role (consistent with my existing Duty Statement).

As agreed by Exec I made an offer of employment to an earlier interviewed, suitable and approved candidate. This was declined by them due to them having other work.

I now ask that the standard full process for advertising, interviewing and selection of a new candidate be approved and commence as soon as possible.

I also ask Exec also nominate 2 Exec members to be on the Selection Committee.

I will consult with the Staff Committee about two Staff members of the Committee.

Selection Committee to be Imogen and Thomas Manousaridis, with Steven Wu as backup

Motion: that the report of the Casework and Policy Manager be accepted.

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was nothing to report from the SLS Manager

13. Approval of Payments

13.1. Invoices

\$249.43 for Auslan interpreter for disability collective protest

\$100 for 576 condoms

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13.2 Reimbursements

Mickie Quick (pubs):	\$50.51	stationary
Lily Campbell (EAG):	\$17.25	printing for Ramsey centre
	\$14.40	printing for Ramsey senate protest
	\$104.50	printing for Ramsey protest - FASS board
	\$6.30	printing petitions for re-O-day stall
Kim Murphy (EAG):	\$32.63	activist materials (chalk and tape)
Jack Mansell (EAG):	\$72.60	Printing for Ramsey forum and protest
Alexi Cassis (NUS):	\$200	NUS2017 travel cost (very late)

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Steven Wu

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Any Other Reports

There were no other reports

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Amanda LeMay:	Annual, 27/09/18 – 05/10/18, 5 days 35 hours
Breda Dee:	Sick, 18/06/18, 1 day, 7 hours
Chitra Narayanan:	TIL, 27/08/18 – 31/08/18, 5 days, 15 hours (3 per day)
	Annual, 12/06/18, 1 day, 7 hours
Hani Bawazir:	19/12/18 – 11/01/18, 6 days, 44 hours
Julia Robins:	TIL, 31/08/18, 1 day, 3.5 hours
Laura Kitsos:	Annual, 15/06/18, ½ half day, 2 hours
	Annual, 11/07/18 – 20/07/18, 6 days, 42 hours (changing leave)
Louise Stack:	Annual, 08/10/18 – 12/10/18, 3 days, 21 hours
Melissa de Silva:	Annual, 23/07/18 – 30/07/18, 6 days, 42 hours (

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Thomas Manousaridis

Seconded: Steven Wu

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting was declared closed at 3:56pm