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MINUTES of the **11th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 91st SRC, held on 28th May 2019 in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Jacky He (Chair), Niamh Callinan*, Yuxuan Yang*, Dane Luo^, Caitlyn Chu^, Vonnie Li, and Xiaoyu Jin.

Apologies: no apologies received

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Melissa de Silva

Meeting Opened: 10:12

*^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

No apologies were received.

Absent were Alex Yang, Josie Jakovac, Prudence Wilkins-Wheat.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 15th May 2019 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 15th May 2019 be accepted.

Moved: Dane Luo

Seconded: Niamh Callinan

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

- Get a date for locking training, can we set a date. Thursday 11-11:30 am training.
- Wrote a terse letter to the University of Sydney Union about the shop backing on to us saying if they (the shop) can't keep their WHS protocol up I requested their tenancy be terminated.

Motion: that the report of the Workplace Health & Safety Officer be accepted.

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Dane Luo

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Jacky He passed the Chair to Dane Luo

7. Report of the President

- I've been at the World Universities' Network Presidents' summit in Dublin,
 - o Met with students from universities from across the world
 - o Talked about climate change
 - How student unions have encouraged their universities to divest from fossil fuels
 - Universities lowering degree costs.
 - I lead a motion with 23 student leaders, and drafted a letter to our respective universities to ask them to help lobby our governments to take immediate action on climate change
 - o Looked at the different consent modules of universities, many were interested in USyd module
- Would like to thank the SRC Caseworkers, Dane Luo and the General Secretaries for taking on my duties while I was away
- Since the last Exec I've drafted the staff representative rights letter per the EBA agreement

Discussion:

Niamh Callinan asked when a full report back on Dublin would be

Jacky He said he would have once written up by the end of the week.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Caitlyn Chu

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Dane Luo returned the Chair to Jacky He

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

Since the 10th Executive meeting, we have:

- Started completing action points from mid-year staff consultations with the President for all staff members;
- Assisted the President and General Secretary with budget preparations and negotiations for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement;
- Held face-to-face and phone meetings with Representatives and members of Council relating to proposed changes to the *Regulations*, which was very productive and led to several amendments being proposed and unanimously accepted in the Standing Legal Committee;
- Met with Jodie (USU Head of Student Programs) to discuss a potential collaboration for Welfare Week;
- Hosted a breakfast for students on Eastern Avenue (see photos attached);
- Began working with James (Casework and Policy Manager), Chitra (Administration and Systems Manager) and Mel (Casework and Policy Officer) for a textbook program; and

- Worked on writing WeChat articles

Upcoming plans:

- Welfare Week (semester 2 week 2 – note the week change) will be our largest focus;
- UE Student Life Committee on Wednesday 29 May 2019;
- Hosting a Business and Engineering Networking session;
- Continue working on reviewing other parts of the *Regulations*;
- Preparing to host a stall for the SRC on Open Day on Saturday 31 August 2019;
- Assisting the President and General Secretaries with SSAF and budgetary preparation;
- Negotiating for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement; and,
- Hosting 90th Anniversary Reunion for late October or early November.

Report of the Acting President

Dane served as Acting President over the past week. I would like to thank the President and Executive for this opportunity. I have

- Held regular meetings with the Publications Managers relating to social media and hoping that they will be completing their AFTRS training soon;
- Worked on the appointment of the Electoral Legal Arbiter for the 2019 Annual Elections – this was conducted in accordance with both the current and proposed *Regulations* so as to ensure compliance for either set;
- Provided agenda items for the Student Consultative Committee meeting;
- Analysed materials for negotiations for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement;
- Worked through some of the action points from mid-year staff consultations for all staff members, including on new signage in the restrooms and kitchen, ordering new furniture and speaking to staff department managers about issues – this is still ongoing; and
- Assisted the SRC Legal Service with matters arising.

Reminders

I want to use this opportunity to remind all Representatives and Officers that the SRC office is a shared space with staff and other peers. Issues have been raised about how some people have been treating the office space and I want to stress the importance of keeping the space clean and tidy.

In particular, for the restrooms, please make sure that you clean up after yourself. There are brushes in cubicles and the staff can help anyone with getting cleaning materials and wipes. For the kitchen, please remember to return any cutlery, cups and plates used and also wash them. There have been many issues with SRC kitchen items going missing.

Also, some staff members would like to get to know the Executive and Officers better. So please remember that the staff are friendly, approachable and here to help!

Discussion:

The Vice Presidents added that yesterday they went to the Engineering keep calm week. There were therapy dogs, SRC caseworkers and information sheets. Adding a reminder to Representatives and Office Bearers that the SRC offices are a shared space

- Bathrooms: Please clean up after yourself
- Please return and clean your cutlery
- Please say hi to staff, and introduce yourself if you haven't

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

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Xiaoyu Jin

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Since last meeting:

- Continuing regulation changes and amendments with Vice President, Councillors and Standing Legal Committee;
- Conducted another breakfast that was highly successful;
- Working with the caseworkers on the research projects;
- Budget meetings with Chitra to finalise the amounts for the year;
- Commenced EBA negotiations, alongside with the President and Vice President.

Ongoing;

- Budget planning;
- Visiting satellite campuses with caseworkers towards the end of the semester;
- Organising O-Day for the beginning of Semester 2;
- Organising a presence at Open Day (August 31st)
- Negotiate a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement;
- Continue Regulations Review with the Vice President;
- Ongoing presence on WeChat;
- Organise the 90th Anniversary Reunion for late October or early November.

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

Moved: Dane Luo

Seconded: Xiaoyu Jin

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

10. Report of the Administration Manager

- Request a sit stand desk \$250 for Julia Robins

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

Moved: Dane Luo

Seconded: Niamh Callinan

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was nothing to report

12. SRC Legal Service Report

Niamh gave a report on behalf of the SRC Legal Service Board.

Working on the budget for the year in terms of working hours and other amounts for training etc.
This should be done by the end of the week

Motion: that the report of the SRC Legal Service be accepted.

Moved: Dane Luo

Seconded: Xiaoyu Jin

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13. Approval of Payments

13.1 Reimbursements

Mickie Quick	\$20	Signage for Honi Soit Opinion Comp
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Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Dane Luo

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Education Officers

The Education Officers helped organise a forum on The Ramsay Centre which was hugely successful and demonstrated a keenness in the university community to continue activism around the issue.

We've been working with executive members on budgeting for the year.

As usual, we've been attending rallies and planning for future events, such as a speak out and flyering around the realities of police targeting on marginalised communities.

Motion: that the report of the Education Officers be accepted.

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Xiaoyu Jin

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Chitra Narayanan:	TIL, 22/05/19, 1 day 7 hours
Hani Bawazzir:	Annual, 08/01/20 – 17/01/20, 6 days 44 hours
Julia Robins:	Annual, 30/05/2019 – 03/06/19, 3 days, 15 hours
Lorna Pringle:	Long Service Leave, 18/06/19 – 31/07/19, 19 days, 133 hours

Melissa de Silva: TIL, 22/05/19, 1 day, 3 hours
TIL, 27/06/19, 1 day, 7 hours
TIL, 28/06/19, 1 day, 7 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Dane Luo

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting was declared closed at 10:30am