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**MINUTES** of the 8<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee, 92<sup>nd</sup> SRC, held on \_\_\_ in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

**PRESENT:** Liam Donohoe (Chair), Abbey Shi\*, Liam Thomas\*, Felix Faber^, Charlotte Bullock^, Vivienne Goodes, Isla Mowbray.

Apologies: Swapnik Sanagavarapu, Sonia Gao

Absent: Ashley Li

Minutes: Julia Robins

Meeting Opened: 3:16 pm

\*^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.

Liam also brought up the BLM movement and how we need to look at conditions and treatment of Indigenous Australians and stand in solidarity not just offer platitudes.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Swapnik Sanagavarapu and Sonia Gao

Moved from the Chair

The apologies were accepted.

### **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> April 2020 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**

Liam Donohoe spoke to some correspondence received from students about the Mutual Aid program. Noting there were some complaints about the amount of time it was taking to get the packs out, which while understandable the program is running completely by volunteers. There has also been comments about the goods being past their best

before date. While this is something we need to look out for they are coming from external donations through Exodus and Ozharvest so we depend on them to supply us with usable product.

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

Nothing to report

*Liam Donohoe resigned the Chair to Felix Faber*

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

- Attended Black Lives Matter rally 2<sup>nd</sup> June. There was concern there would be a large far right reactionary response but there wasn't, and the police were calm too. Expecting a much bigger turnout to the Saturday protest.
  - o It's been good to see that while this was triggered by something happening in the United States, it has made people reflect on our systems and how Indigenous peoples are being treated here as well.
- We're reminding the University we are still here and are still paying attention and will not stand for staff and course cuts. These cuts were planned well before Corona and they are just taking advantage of the political situation.
- There's quite a bit of infighting occurring on education matters but we are trying to put together a united group to tackle these attacks on higher education and work on this in good faith and hopefully achieve strong outcomes for higher education, staff and students.
- There's been a number of things happening around student housing as well, especially with the moratorium on evictions about to lift
- Mark Latham has asked for a state inquiry into higher education and gotten it. This means the state government is effectively investigating and reviewing universities and education. This is just a way for him to push forward with his culture wars and attack international students and areas of studies such as gender and cultural studies and history and student organisations. To act as a 'gotcha' against students and academics.
- Committees –
  - o ProctorU report, I can't share it but there was skewed data, and even with the skewed data a majority had at least some bad experience with the program. Even the university has had to "acknowledge that it was a fucking bad idea".
- Trying to improve our social media game
  - o Need more social media and need more on a student issues on focus
  - o Please look into posting things
- I want to spend some time in the archives to look at budgets and see what our funding was really like
- Want to talk to past Presidents' and see if we can get support from past Presidents and get support for protecting our education. We need to be getting in touch with any and all stakeholders to help protect education right now.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Felix Faber

Seconded: Charlotte Bullock

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

*Liam Donohoe resumed the Chair.*

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

Felix Faber:

- Getting another round of packs from Exodus this weekend.
- Looking at other groups I reached out to earlier like Redlink
  - o Looking for volunteers to assist them as our mutual aid program's need is reduced

Charlotte Bullock:

- Mostly just committee meetings, there's not much to add from Liam Donohoe's report
- The weekly meetings with Susanna Scarparo have been helpful especially with teasing out the issues such as delaying the commencement of semester 2.

Liam Thorne asked if there was a need for more drivers for the mutual aid packs.

Felix Faber said he was not across that at the moment.

Julia Robins said that more drivers were always needed and that while a lot of packs have gone out, it would be good to get them moving quicker.

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

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Isla Mowbray

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

- Been attending the weekly meetings with Susanna Scarparo, which has been helpful but has also been slowing in their response to issues compared to earlier.
- Regs changes
- Lots of applications for the Paralegal have come through going through them is going to take a while.
- Lots of campaign from international students from applying to the Uni for the travel ban assistance package, many did not received the confirmation email and were left in the dark, while those have been allowed to apply how the assistance is being allocated is still very opaque and there is no clear process as to how they are deciding who gets what and what the considerations are.
- The University has raised that many students are annoyed at having to pay SSAF while the campus is effectively closed and many things shutdown.

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

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Vivienne Goodes

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

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

*Nothing to report*

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

*Nothing to report*

**12. SRC Legal Service Report**

*Nothing to report*

**13. Approval of Payments**

**14. Any Other Reports**

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

Some things we've been up to:

- getting back into the dismantle the colleges campaign properly, strategizing with previous women's officers and people involved to get it going - involves meeting with last five years of officers for a cohesive skill and info handover
- we're making resources on sexual harassment by teachers that we intend to disseminate next semester, have gotten help from Mel
- meeting with other women's collectives soon to discuss state-wide feminist organising
- collaborating with ACAR on BLM events

Motion: that the report of the Women's Office be accepted.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Liam Thomas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**15. Other Business**

**15.1 Staff Leave**

Amanda LeMay	TIL, 26/05/20 – 28/05/20, 3 days, 17.5 hours Annual, 14/08/20 – 11/09/20, 5 days, 35 hours
Breda Dee	Annual, 20/05/20, 1 days, 7 hours
James Campbell	TIL, 01/06/20 – 04/06/20, 4 days, 28 hours
Melissa de Silva	TIL, 18/05/20 – 20/05/20, 3 days, 21 hours. Study, 21/05/20 – 22/05/20, 2 days, 8 hours Annual, 25/05/20 – 29/05/20, 5 days, 15 hours
Mickie Quick	Annual ad TIL, 02/06/20 – 03/03/20, 10 days 34.5 hours
Sharon Maher	TIL, 21/05/20 – 22/05/20, 2 days, 10 hours

Liam Donohoe noted that he would be taking some leave towards the end of the month but would update the Exec when he knew when.

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Charlotte Bullock

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Liam Donohoe added that there would be a motion at the next council to rename the Honi Office the Sam Langford Room, after former Honi Editor Sam Langford.

*The meeting was declared closed at 3:58pm.*