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MINUTES:

of the 6th regular meeting of the 96th SRC held on **Wednesday the 24th of July 2024**. Meeting held in the ABS Interactive Learning Studio 1090.

*There was a quorum count at 6:33pm.
The meeting was found quorate.*

A. Meeting open at 6:34 pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chair moved that Angus Fisher be elected Deputy Chairperson.
The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

B. Acknowledgement of Country

The University of Sydney Students' Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land (Sydney), the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We stand on this land today as beneficiaries of an uncompensated and unreconciled dispossession that occurred over 200 years ago. Many of the descendants of those dispossessed live just down the road in abject poverty, and as young people it is important to recognise how this history of dislocation and disenfranchisement has contributed to the inequality we observe in modern society. We acknowledge both our privilege and our obligation to redress the situation as best we can: to remember the mistakes of the past, act on the problems of today, and build a future for everyone who now calls this place home, striving always for genuinely practical and meaningful reconciliation.

C. Apologies, Proxies and Leaves of Absence

Apologies and proxies were received from:

Shahmeer Hossain
Jack Lockhart
Ivan Samsonov
Lucas Pierce to Julius Wittfoth
Aryan Ilkhani
Shovan Bhattarai to Emma Searle
James Dwyer
Ethan Floyd to Ishbel Dunsmore
Gerard Buttigieg to Rose Donnelly
Ned Graham to Mia Williams

Moved: Harrison Brennan
Seconded: Jasmine Donnelly
The apologies were accepted.

D. Changes to Membership

E. Electoral Report

E1. Consideration of any resignations

Tamsyn Smith resigns from council to Gabe Crowe
Tamsyn Smith also resigns as Global Solidarity Officer
Tim Duff resigns as Queer Officer

Motion: That the Council accept the resignations.

Moved: Simon Uptis

Seconded: Jamie Bridge

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

E2. Report of the Electoral Officer

Riki Scanlan gave a brief verbal report:

- 39 representatives will be elected to the next council
- One system for nominations, one link per election now
- Polling booths will be the same as last year
- There will be a briefing on Aug 8th and 4pm for managers and candidates
- Sep 4th campaigning briefing – rules around campaigning and expenses reports etc.
 - o Both meetings will have a zoom option
- Election booth constitutes a stall, for new rules that apply, we will see how that goes in terms of what that means in the future
 - o will be addressed later, will report back.

Motion: to accept the report of the Electoral Officer

Moved: Jasmine Donnelly

Seconded: Grace Street

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Minutes of the 5th meeting of 96th SRC Council held on 12th of June 2024 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the 12th of June 2024 be accepted.

Moved: Ishbel Dunsmore

Seconded: Martha Barlow

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

G. Business Arising from the Minutes

There was no business for this item.

H. Question Time of 15 minutes, which may be extended by resolution for a further 15 minutes.

I. Visitor's Business

There was no business for this item.

J. Report of the Undergraduate Fellow of Senate

There was no business for this item.

K. Elections

There was no business for this item.

L. Report of the President and Executive

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 28th of May 2024

Motion: that the minutes of the executive meetings from 28th of May 2024 be accepted.

Moved: Harrison Brennan

Seconded: Jasmine Donnelly

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The President deferred the Chair to the Deputy Chairperson.

L3. President's Report

Harrison Brennan tabled a written report:

Recently, I attended the National Union of Students Education Conference at Curtin University in Perth, Western Australia. During EdCon, I became aware of the Campus Access Policy, introduced on June 28th and passed by the senate without consulting or notifying students or staff. This policy represents a full-scale attack on freedom of speech and expression at the University of Sydney, posing dangerous implications for the activism of the SRC, NTEU, and student clubs and societies.

The policy mandates that any form of assembly must be reported to the Vice Chancellor's office 72 hours in advance. Additionally, it requires students and staff to obtain permission for the use of megaphones, personal amplifiers, the erection of structures or stalls, and the placement of banners or posters on university grounds. Mimicking the NSW anti-protest laws, this policy aims to suppress dissent and silence political speech that the university disagrees with by weaponizing misconduct proceedings against student activists and the SRC.

This is a punitive response from the management to the success of the Gaza Solidarity Encampment at the University of Sydney. Instead of severing ties with weapons companies or institutions complicit in settlement expansion and apartheid, Mark Scott has chosen to stifle political critique, directly contradicting every public statement made during the student-led encampment. The implications of this policy are dire: it threatens to chill activism at USyd, stifle campus culture and the student experience, and could spread to other universities in Australia if left unchallenged. Every student unionist must oppose this policy and support the campaign to SCRAP THE CAP.

On July 31st, the SRC and Education Action Group are hosting the “Unauthorized Stalls Day” event. I’ve been reaching out to various campus clubs and external organizations, encouraging them to set up stalls in violation of the Campus Access Policy. The following day, August 1st, there will be a staff and student rally that everyone should attend and support.

Building the turnout for the Student General Meeting (SGM) is intertwined with the campaign to scrap the cap. Hosting an SGM to demand that the university cut ties with weapons companies and academic institutions complicit in apartheid and occupation is not the kind of political speech USyd management wants to hear. With the USU Welcome-Fest running from July 29th-30th, we should take the opportunity to plaster Eastern Avenue with posters, ensure every student has an SGM flyer in hand, and encourage students to attend the SGM and vote for divestment.

Last week, I attended the new SSAF Consultation Group committee, established last year to give student organizations power in dictating SSAF priorities. I believe the university may try to use international student caps as a means to cut SSAF funding for student organizations, despite the fact that international student caps would have a gradual, not immediate, effect on SSAF revenue. SSAF applications for 2024 will be submitted by each student organization in October. If you have ideas for projects the SRC could apply for in SSAF contestable funds, feel free to get in touch.

Other updates:

- I will be working with the executive in the coming weeks regarding the SRC’s enterprise agreement with our staff.
- The proposal to reduce simple extensions from 5 to 3 days will be discussed in the academic board in the coming months, which I intend to fight in collaboration with SUPRA.
- I have been promoting the SRC at numerous faculty and university-wide welcome events in the past two weeks, highlighting the upcoming Student General Meeting, the SRC’s casework and legal services, and encouraging new students to join the SRC collectives!

Discussion:

Harrison Brennan spoke to his report and covered all the main points.

Simon Upitis asked about Fatima Payman, and how she crossed the floor, and spoke about how when she came to the encampment Grassroots argued she should be able to make her media, and Salt said she shouldn’t be able to as crossing the floor is the bare minimum, and now she’s left the party she’d cited critics from encampments across the country that lead to her resignation.

Harrison Brennan noted that it was good she crossed the floor and left the party, but at the time I didn't know it was a media attention situation,

Simon Upitis reiterated their question, asking has Harrison Brennan's opinion changed that to welcome them into the space the minimum they should do is cross the floor.

Harrison Brennan Yes, I think they should.

Motion to accept the report of the President.

Moved:

Seconded:

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

M. Report of the Vice-Presidents

Deaglan Godwin and Jasmine Donnelly tabled a written report:

July Council

- Jasmine and Deaglan both attended the National Union of Students Education Conference in Perth. The conference was a site of lively debate about the national union's involvement in Palestine activism (or lack thereof), the nature of the higher education accords and how to combat the rise in militarism. The conference even made the news when Socialist Alternative and NLS members held a press conference to condemn the Labor Party's persecution of Fatima Payman.

Report back

- Both of us have been involved in launching the campaign against the university's draconian new Campus Access Policy. This is a really concerning attack on our ability as student unionists to organise political campaigns and engage with students. We wholeheartedly condemn it and encourage the council to throw its support behind the campaign being organised through the EAG.
- Another important event in the upcoming weeks is the Student General Meeting on August 7. This has added importance considering the escalation on behalf of the university against our rights to campaign for Palestine. On our end, we need to draw in wider layers of students to demand our university cut ties with Israel and genocide. All councillors and office bearers should be doing what they can to reach out to their networks to get more people to come.
- Welcome Week

Stalls of defiance

- Campaigns

Drug reform - Drug summit

- Next Semester: what's coming up?

Union Week

Discussion:

Deaglan and Jasmine spoke to their report and spoke to its points.

Deaglan Godwin continued noting that at EdCon, he and Jasmine Donnelly were often on other sides of the debate, particularly around the involvement of the NUS in the encampments and Palestine protests across the country. That it was good that we got some verbal agreements from NUS and NLS on giving concrete support around Palestine and the Campus Access policy. The Uni has escalated their fight with us, and so too will we. Looking at the figures of the death toll of Gazan's is in the hundreds of thousands, a number often downplayed and obscured by poor access and reporting.

Jasmine Donnelly the event 'stalls of defiance' – placeholder name, will be on the 3rd day of re-O-week, and we need to get the message out about that. Re-O-week. Please get your availability of the Early September we will be doing another event on drug reform with a tour of the KC injecting room.

Rose Donnelly asked who the NUS Ed Officer was and what faction they are from. Jasmine Donnelly said that Grace Franko from Unity.

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

Moved: Jordan Anderson

Seconded: Rose Donnelly

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

N. Report of the General Secretaries

Daniel O'Shea and Rose Donnelly tabled a written report:

Radical Education week will be coming up on the week of the 12 of August. Unions NSW will be doing a collaborative stall to promote student unionism and campaigns like students against placement poverty, junior rates and the right to disconnect. We will also be holding sessions on Palestine and the Campus Access Policy Resistance Program later on in the week. We have a meeting Sunday 5pm to plan, all welcome.

Budget below:

Thanks, Rose and Dan

SRC 2024 Budget

Casework & Policy

Staff costs 779,621

Other costs 9,000

Total 788,621

Publications

Staff costs 211,529

Other costs	58,000
Total	269,529
SRC Legal Service	
Staff costs	234,181
Other costs	13,000
Total	247,181
Administration	
Staff costs	507,728
Other costs	78,586
Total	586,314
Elections	
Staff costs	55,501
Other costs	8,000
Total	63,501
 NUS	
Affiliation fee	58,455
Conferences	18,500
Total	76,955
 Student Representatives	
Education	19,000
Disabilities	3,220
Environment	5,800
First Nations	1,100
Global Solidarity	500
ACAR	5,500
Intercampus	0
Interfaith	0
International students	2,000
Refugee Rights	600
SASH	1,480
Student Accommodation	0
Social Justice	500

Queer	4,800
Welfare	3,500
Women's	6,000
Honi Soit	9,000
President stipend	55,031.63
Vice President stipend	36,687.55
Education stipend	36,687.55
Women's stipend	36,687.55
General secretary stipend	36,687.55
Honi Soit stipend	146,250.94
Total	411,032.77

Orientation and Transition **26,000**

Total Base 2,469,133.77

Contestable Projects

SRC Legal Service Full-time Solicitor	103,705
Office-bearer projects, student events, and (named special) weeks	25,450
Stipends for autonomous office bearers	146,750
HubSpot training	9,000
Payroll officer-additional day	28,928
Student media conference	20,000
International students support officer (0.5 FTE)	63,215
RESSO Conference	5,000
Cold calling	3,344
Mediation training and development	3,590
New Honi Soit stands around campus	4,111
Video content creation/development (training course)	1,842

DISC Training for managers and caseworkers	2,827
Trauma-informed communication training	1,200
National Union of Students (NUS) affiliation	13,151
Total contestable	432,113
Total Expenditure	2,901,249

Discussion:

Simon Uptis: What is happening with CAP and the unions

Rose Donnelly: Unions are yet to release a statement but

Jamie Bridge: What is happening

Rose Donnelly: it won't clash

Victor Zhang: will you invite the CFMEU?

Rose Donnelly: I don't know at this stage.

Deaglan Godwin: Will there be a unions presence at the stalls of defiance?

Rose Donnelly: I don't know, I think there are some resources issues

Madeline Clark: that's a cop out CAP is going to have a huge impact, and we will need to bring everyone we can in to object to it.

Rose Donnelly: We know we are the most impacted by CAP, and the unions work for their members, not many of which are impacted by this, so they may not have the resources for this that's their call

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

Moved: Angus Fisher

Seconded: Jasmine Donnelly

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Motions on Notice

P1. Motion to Appoint Huw Bradshaw as an Editor of Honi Soit

Preamble:

In the Student Representative Council's Constitution and Regulations, under Section 4 of Part 6, there is a provision that permits the appointment of an Editor of Honi Soit.

(v) Council may appoint Honi Soit editors to fill casual vacancies in the Honi Soit editorial team through the following procedure:

(1) A majority of remaining Honi Soit editors must sign a motion calling for the appointment of a specified new Honi Soit editor to fill a casual vacancy;

(2) Council may choose to ratify or reject the motion through a simple majority vote;

(3) This motion may be moved at a Council meeting without prior notice.

The Editors request that the Council appoint Huw Bradshaw as the tenth editor of Honi Soit. Please find the signatures and consent of nine Honi Soit Editors. [Attached Separately]

Action:

1. The SRC appoints Huw Bradshaw as an editor of *Honi Soit*.

Moved: Sandra Kallarakkal

Seconded: Aidan Elwig Pollock

Discussion:

Ariana – We would like to appoint Huw to continue to help us produce the paper.

Jasmine Donnelly said it is good to have a full 10 people on a Honi ticket

The motion was put and CARRIED.

P2. Solidarity with students in Bangladesh demanding justice and accountability in protests for quota reform

Preamble:

Since 4 July 2024, students in Bangladesh have been peacefully protesting for a quota reform for civil service positions. The original controversial quota system of 2018 was brought back this year, which sets out quotas for women, people from low socioeconomic backgrounds, and for descendants of the freedom fighters of the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War. The latter seeks to keep the ruling Awami League party in power by allowing them to hire people close to the party, with a hiring quota of 30% for freedom fighter descendants in the civil service. Students are demanding equity and reform to the quota system that reduces the quota for freedom fighter descendants.

Yet, last Monday 15 July saw the beginning of violent attacks by police and the ruling party's youth wing, the Chharta League. There is now a shoot-on-sight curfew, streets and schools have been shut down, rallies and gatherings are banned, and police are using tanks, rubber bullets, tear gas,

and lethal violence against students. As of Sunday, it was reported that 138 had been killed, but the exact number is unknown due to a media and internet blackout.

The Supreme Court has now overturned the decision to reinstate the quota system from October, but students are continuing to protest with new demands that call for de-escalation, accountability, justice for those killed, and amnesty for protestors.

On 21 July 2024, a video statement from one of the coordinators of the anti-discrimination student movement in Bangladesh, Abdul Kader, outlined nine main demands.

1. The Prime Minister must apologise to the nation by accepting responsibility for the student killings.
2. The resignation of Home Minister Asaduzzaman Khan Kamal and Road Transport and Bridges Minister Obaidul Quader
3. Dismiss the DIG (deputy inspector generals), Police Commissioner, and Police Superintendent of the areas where student killings and injuries occurred.
4. The resignation of the Vice-Chancellors and Proctors of Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, and Rajshahi University.
5. Arrest and file murder charges against each police officer and ruling party terrorist accused of student killings.
6. Compensation for the families of killed and injured students.
7. Ban party-affiliated student politics on all campuses.
8. Reopen educational institutions and halls.
9. Ensure that no student participating in the movement faces any academic or administrative harassment.

Other news sources and protestors have additionally called for the government to open an investigation into Chhatar League, withdraw all cases against quota protestors, and ensure their participation does not lead to academic or political harassment.

Platform:

1. The USyd SRC condemns the violence, attack on free speech, and crackdown on protest by the Bangladeshi government and police
2. The USyd SRC supports the nine demands of quota protestors as of 21 July 2024, as above, and the additional demands to open an investigation into Chhatar League and to grant amnesty to protestors.

Action:

1. The USyd SRC will take a solidarity photo and promote it on its social media platforms
2. The USyd SRC and its collectives will share the demands of protestors in Bangladesh, information about the current state violence, and suggestions of news sources and other resources

3. The USyd SRC will continue to support the protestors in Bangladesh through advocacy, sharing information, and engaging relevant student and community groups
4. The USyd SRC endorses and will promote an upcoming teach-in on this topic co-organised by the Autonomous Collective Against Racism (ACAR).

Mover: Grace Street

Seconder: Ishbel Dunsmore

Discussion:

Grace Street spoke to the motion and covered its main points and updated numbers on arrests and violence occurring there. There will also be a teach-in on the 7th of Aug before the SGM.

Ishbel Dunsmore spoke to the motion and spoke about the violence and oppression that has been occurring, and report of torture at the hands of police, quoting from witnesses' accounts of the attack on student protesters. And an attack on student and the right to protest anywhere is an attack to everyone

Taleen Jameel – Attacks happening are reprehensible and spoke about the quota system which is completely corrupt, and this corruption is ripe across all areas of government, and at least 2000 people have been arrested just for standing up. And the internet has been shut down across the country to ensure the government can entrench their rule and maintain power. No one has responded so far except the UAE which imprisoned people for 10s of years to life. We need to stand up for those in Bangladesh, here where we do not face the same levels of repression as they are and we need to show solidarity, for those who are

Julius W – It's right to call out the horrific actions of the government but also, we should celebrate those who have been so brave to stand up and begin these protests. Many people like to say how great capitalism has been for Bangladesh, and I'm sure it has been if you've been in the ruling class but ordinary workers have been suffering and we've see how repressive the government can be, and people have been known to have been disappeared, and we owe it to the student there, to build a student movement here with the same fighting spirit.

The motion was put and CARRIED.

N. General Business

Q1. Stand with Fatima Payman: Protest the Labor Party's support of genocide on July 27

Preamble:

On July 4, Fatima Payman, Senator for Western Australia, announced her resignation from the Labor party. She stated, "I am pressured to conform to caucus solidarity and toe the party line. My conscience leaves me no choice." She is the first Labor MP to resign over Palestine, and the first to cross the floor in two decades.

Her stand should be seen as a win for the Palestine movement and not a reflection of the Labor Party. Her statements reveal the moral bankruptcy of the Labor party, where there is no space within the party to take a principled stand against the genocide in Gaza. Not a single Labor MP stood by her side which highlights how widespread the rot is within the party. It is not just that every single Labor MP is a heartless monster; the rot comes from the core of what the Labor Party is. They rule for Australian capitalism and that Labor are only concerned with what is good for Australian imperialism, which means unflinching support for Israel and the US. The Labor government has continued the political, economic and military support for Israel, signing new defence contracts with Israeli weapons companies to escalate their bombing campaign in Gaza. They have supported Israel historically and this support continues today. It is useful for Australia's standing as a regional imperialist power to have the backing of the most powerful country in the world, the United States, and to have Israel play its role as a regional bully, asserting US interests in the oil reserves and trade routes in the Middle East.

Payman's resignation demonstrates there is little point in the Palestine movement hoping to radically change the ALP's position on Palestine from within. Payman has been iced from the party, and it has been leaders of the Labor Left who have been the hardest on her. Penny Wong quite aptly expressed her frustration with Payman saying, "she should vote with us, like I had to on gay marriage." Being in the Labor party means conforming to the party line, no matter how despicable, no matter how morally conflicted it makes you, and therefore putting the party before your principles.

This proves why it was right for Socialist Alternative members to not invite Labor MPs to the USYD encampment, to never give them speaking spots in rallies and it was also right to argue with Payman when she visited the encampment. By that point she had not crossed the floor, therefore making her statements hypocritical. We were vindicated when she revealed what first displayed the constraints of her position within Labor when she visited the pro-Palestine encampment at Curtin University in April, where she was confronted. "The young people were angry and furious, like, what are you doing? You're a young person in a government that ... takes so much pride in itself for representing us and our voices, and we've entrusted you with our voice, are you going to tell the Prime Minister, are you going to go back and tell your caucus this?"

This is an important lesson for not just the Palestine campaign, but all campaigns going forward. The only approach that works is one that is oppositional to those in power, and that includes the Labor Party. Labor is on the wrong side of every question. Our movement can't meet those in power halfway- it must demand they either put their words into practice, or we will implacably criticise them and organise against them. Softening our criticism of Labor MPs and the party does not bring them any closer- it only moderates and dampens the righteous hatred many in the movement feel towards the Australian Genocide Party.

Platform:

1. The SRC supports Fatima Payman for crossing the floor and resigning from the Labor party over their support for the genocide in Palestine.
2. The SRC stands against the racist treatment of Payman from the Labor Party and the media.

3. The SRC supports the protest against the Labor Party Conference organised by the Palestine Action Group on Saturday the 27th of July.

Actions:

1. The SRC will promote the Labor Party conference protest on their social media.
2. The SRC will take a photo in solidarity with Fatima Payman.
3. The SRC encourages all councillors and OBs who support Palestine to join the protest against the Labor conference.

Discussion:

Jasmine Al-Rawi spoke to the motion speaking about the resignation of FP speaks to the politics of Palestine in Aus and spoke about how FP began to question her stance and party from students saying that it was not acceptable to say you are against genocide, and vote with the ALP. I had an argument with her about this when she came to the campus, and had a rigorous debate on this, but grassroots said we were too harsh and should have welcomed her at the time, which I think was the wrong stance and we know that people hate the Labor party for the stances on this, and we should not be supporting any party member.

Lauren Finlayson – we need to draw out who our enemies are from the stat and Socialist Alternative have been saying since the start that that is the Labor Party, and we have always called out and we did that here, and Grassroots didn't stand against her, and if you're comfortable calling out Labor students why couldn't you challenge and attack ALP members of parliament with weak excuses like she is a woman.

Rand Khatib: Look I think it's important to debate senators when they come here, and I think there is a difference between debating senators, and a mob of 20 mostly white students, surrounding her. I think the difference was what the change was not just the hostility met Curtin, but it was a conversation with a Palestinian man there who was very influence in changing her mind, and there are many conversations that happened you were not privy to, and we had these conversations. I think it's worth noting that no one called out

Rand Khatib responded to comments from the audience, saying you are not more outraged about this genocide than I am.

Deaglan Godwin asked where "get name later" got his money from.

Rex Urquhart spoke to the motion and responded to Rand's comments say they were a load of shit, and noting that it was the name mob a Curtin they she referenced as the primary source for her crossing the floor and it was Salt who have made the biggest impact and pushed saying we will not allow people to be in this space while apologising for genocide. And FP had 9 months of uncriticised support while saying nothing on genocide. It is wrong to say we needed to give her the space or the platform to explain herself.

Laura Alivio spoke to the motion, saying that FP's resignation is such a strong example of the importance of standing against MPs and holding them to account, and without being called out

she would never have crossed the floor and also pointed out how after being expelled for crossing the floor we should be holding a harder line and continue to take a public stance against Labor, and we have to be hard on these politicians.

Alistair P: spoke to the motion and spoke about the racist backlash faced by FP on her resignation and spoke about Macron's comments on multiculturalism and noted that liberal multiculturalism, is just it's all good as long as you just bring your food to the table. And said that opposing her, and debating with her was right, but that

Simon Upitis- you can't take this stance now and not what you said then

Alistair P – Yes I did oppose her then,

There was an argument about what the debate, had an influence and what type of debate is effective vs. ineffective, and what type of confrontation was effective.

Annabel Pettit was named.

Ewan McMurtrie spoke to the motion saying FP said it was Curtin uni, it was the debate at the encampment there run by SAlt, I don't think it's a ridiculous conclusion to come to. She copped racist attacked when she crossed the floor from the ALP, and it should be noted that you get hounded and attacked and when you cross the floor you get no support, where was the left in the ALP then? Look at what Penny Wong said with 'she should have sucked it up like I did on marriage equality' what was that?

Jamie Bridge spoke to the motion; saying 'I don't like being interrupted, I do like confronting the Labor party at every opportunity'. If you are here as a Labor student, you might like to think that you would do what FP did, but she left the party, and you haven't. We've got members who get expelled for crossing the floor, but Greg Donnelly can say there is a day of recking for trans people with no consequence form the party and Penney

Kiera Fairley spoke to the motion, this isn't about a glorifying moment in the part, this is about the approach in the future, and the upcoming protest this weekend. What we've seen in attacks on protests and the ALP doubling down on their attacks at dissent, and their support for genocide, and we should be yelling at and attacking those who defend genocide. We should be appealing to the people outside the ALP conference by saying these people support genocide and we need to oppose them. We cannot have anyone who is complicit involved in

Procedural motion to reopen the speaking list

Moved: Simon Upitis

Seconded: Jasmine Al-Rawi

Simon Upitis spoke to the procedural saying that they want to reopen the speaking list so that other can talk about their position on how we should be when protesting the ALP. Noting that Rand has said that Salt acted like a mob, and borderline harassed her, something Harrison

Brennan agreed with at the time and now they're saying it's fine. But I think the position of Grassroots is still what it was on the day in not wanting to attack ALP politicians, so I want to hear

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**

Yoshi Leung spoke to the motion, and noted that since payment crossed the floor, and not one other member has shown her any support since she crossed the floor and when he was kicked out. This is ALP showing what happens when you support Palestine and so we cannot support Labor as it is just showing support for a party that supports genocide and showing them support will not make them takes

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motion calling on Grassroots to make clear what their position on the attacks on Labor MPs and have taken this stance we need to be respectful of those in these positions of power. It was not back room lobbying that changes FPs mind to was rigorous debate

Rand Khatib said there was a contradiction, your idea is now it was a mass movement that changed her mind, now you're saying it was fear or losing a seat.

Speaking list was closed

Deaglan Godwin it was about the mass movement, and it was grassroots who said we need to negotiate and lobby, that was your argument.

Jordan Anderson – Grassroots thinks that it was a good thing it's a good thing that Fatima Payne left the Labor party, and everyone who is a member should tear up their membership cards. We didn't invite her to campus, Grassroots, will be protesting at the ALP conference. I want to know why Socialist Alternative didn't heckle Anthony De Adam, but you did FP?

Procedural motion to reopen the speaking list

Moved: Deaglan Godwin

Seconded: Simon Upitis

the motion was put and **CARRIED**

Jasmine Al-Rawi responded to the debate saying what she heard Rand say was it was secret conversations that changed FP's mind.

Rand – that's not what I said, What I said was I knew she was going to cross the floor, and I wanted her to feel supported – that's what I said

Jasmine Al-Rawi we I'm glad to hear you say that it was public demonstration and debate, not private conversations that changed her mind. And said that it was not a moa of people it was almost exclusively me who was arguing with her, and it we need to make it clear to politicians that they are not welcome in the movement if they do not take a moral stand on issues and cross the floor. You're just trying to make up what happened that day, to justify what you said.

Moved: Jasmine Al-Rawi

Seconded: Lauren Finlayson

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Harrison Brennan resigned the chair to Angus Fisher

Q2. Title: TERFs off our Turf! Speak-out Against Holly Lawford-Smith

Preamble: USYD Philosophy Department management has invited notorious bigot, Holly Lawford-Smith, to give a seminar right here at USYD.

Holly Lawford-Smith is a disgusting bigot who spoke at Posie Parker's transphobic rally early last year, which saw neo-Nazis perform Seig-heil salutes on the steps of the Victorian parliament. She has built her career on attacking trans people and even created a website for anonymously attacking and misgendering trans people, including in the women's' bathrooms at USYD. Despite this, in a statement to *Honi Soit*, Philosophy Department Chair Kristie Miller called Lawford-Smith a "well respected political philosopher".

The Philosophy department management's decision to platform an anti-trans bigot like Holly Lawford-Smith is a betrayal of every queer student and staff member at the University of Sydney.

USyd claims it "celebrates" its queer students and staff, and that it is "unsettled by divisive anti-trans statements". Meanwhile, it is using our HECS fees to platform someone who would see trans rights stripped back to the 1950s.

In her statement to *Honi Soit*, Miller attempted to claim that Lawford-Smith's seminar would not be "about trans-gender". However, Lawford-Smith built her career on attacking trans people and sex workers, and there is little reason to believe this will change when she steps foot on our campus. We will not take someone who has invited a bigot onto our campus and called Lawford-Smith a "well respected political philosopher", on her word.

In her statement to *Honi Soit*, Miller justified inviting Lawford-Smith on the basis of "academic freedom". If Miller cared about academic freedom, she would've considered how inviting a transphobic bigot to speak on our campus would harm the academic freedom of queer students and staff to learn and teach in a safe and accepting environment.

Lawford-Smith may have the right to free speech, but she does not have the right to use a platform funded by our uni fees to attack queer students on our campus. This is not a theoretical, intellectual discussion. It is an outright attack on the rights and lives of trans and gender-diverse people on this campus, and on the livelihoods of sex workers.

Lawford-Smith hides her transphobia behind the veneer of so-called "trans-exclusionary radical feminism", but in reality, there is nothing "feminist" about her. She spends her time attacking sex workers as traitors against feminism, rather than fighting the criminalisation of this mostly-women workforce, and spends her time attacking women who are transgender, rather than standing with them in the fight against misogyny.

Trans women using the bathroom isn't a threat to women at USYD. The real issues facing women on this campus are issues such as sexual violence, discrimination against trans women and sex

workers, extreme cost of living pressures and repression of free speech for feminist, pro-Palestine activists. Holly Lawford-Smith is not a feminist, she is a bigot.

That is why on August 14th at 3pm outside the Quadrangle, the USYD Queer Action Collective will be rallying under the following demands:

1. No student funding for bigotry - end transphobic seminars at USyd!
2. End the new Campus Access Policy - defend free speech on campus!
3. Abolish the colleges, end rape on campus!
4. Pass the Equality Bill - Self-ID and sex worker rights NOW!

Platform:

The SRC:

1. endorses the USYD Queer Action Collective's *TERFs Off Our Turf* rally
2. endorses all demands of the *TERFs Off Our Turf* rally as listed above.

Action:

1. The SRC will publish this motion from its social media accounts, on its website, in Honi Soit and circulate it through any relevant means.
2. The SRC will share the promotional social media materials for the *TERFs Off Our Turf* rally from its social media account, on its website, in Honi Soit and circulate it through any relevant means.
3. All SRC councillors and office-bearers commit to attending and building for this rally, especially in light of the new Campus Access Policy.
4. The SRC President shall be empowered to send correspondence to student unions across NSW and the NUS to urge them to endorse this rally and its demands.

Discussion:

Jamie Bridge spoke to the motion covering its main points and explained who Holly Lawford-Smith is and some of her work in attacking the trans community, noting that the Philosophy department called her an important philosopher, and that the CAP will be an impact on this so there needs to be a strong push back against this. and encouraged everyone to get involved.

Rand – Spoke to the motion and encouraged everyone to attend and how it was important that we be there to protect each other as power is in numbers, we all need to be there, Wo. Co will be there and hope everyone will come leafletting and postering with us.

Ishbel Dunsmore spoke to the motion and spoke about their time as a philosophy student and spoke about the hypocrisy of calling Holly Lawford-Smith a respected philosopher, when what respectable philosopher would make a website attacking people for existing or speaking at a rally attended by neo-Nazis and said their presence made her feel safe.

Harrison Brennan spoke to the motion asking Salt to speak to the motion as well, highlighting how important this is and how despicable a person has to be to speak at a nazi supported event. We need to be going to this protest and bringing numbers to oppose CAP and support each other

Jamie Bridge added that there are flyers for this rally in the SRC already for you to collect and I don't want to give the term too much time, as these people are not feminists, they also attack sex workers for crime of doing a job. We've had issues with friends of Holly Lawford-Smith Kelly j King also being pushed off campus and Holly Lawford-Smith is

Mis Williams spoke to the motion and affirmed support for the rally, and spoke about the work that was done by Holly Lawford-Smith to try and discredit a Trans Māori woman, which was disgraceful/

Simon Uptis spoke to the motion and said there was a lot to take from the posy parker protests and we need to show that these people are so far to the right that no one wants them and they are chased off the street, and we see that the posy parker ones were the mass demonstrations in response, rather than trying to ban them from speaking on campus but mobilised mass opposition.

Mover: Jamie Bridge

Secunder: Rand Khatib

Motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q3. Scrap the Campus Access Policy! Defend Free Speech!

Preamble

The University's new Campus Access Policy (CAP) is one of the most draconian attacks on free speech on campus in living memory. Important civil liberties and democratic rights are now subject to the approval of the university management. This potentially restricts the ability for students to organise against the policies and decisions of university management.

According to the CAP, all protests on campus now require 72 hours' notice. The use of megaphones or amplification of any sort at a protest requires not just notice but approval (of at least 72 hours) from the university. Other commonplace activist activities also require explicit approval, including putting up posters on university buildings or dropping banners off them, setting up a stall with a table. Without approval, university security now has the power to ask you to leave campus, and if you don't obey, they can now legally detain you and deliver you to the NSW Police.

What has prompted this? It is clearly the success of the USYD Gaza Solidarity Camp which has prompted this escalation against student political activity. The camp shone a spotlight on our own university's complicity with the genocide in Gaza. Through rallies, teach-ins, class announcements and social media infographics, activists disseminated to thousands of students the depth of the ties between Sydney University, weapons companies and the Israeli military.

Even more significantly, the university encampments across the country were the largest national student protest in decades. They re-energised the mass street movement against the genocide and the Albanese government's complicity. The universities, media and politicians railed against the presence of "outsiders" at the camps- workers and community members who donated to, supported and attended the student camps.

Sydney University's attack is part of a broader move by universities across the country to target and repress student activists. Activists at Sydney, Deakin, Melbourne University and ANU have faced disciplinary measures.

It is essential that student activists, and students more broadly, refuse to accept these attacks on our democratic and civil rights. If they are allowed to become the norm, they will rob Sydney University of the vibrant political culture, expression and contestation for which it is known. Such measures will undoubtedly extend not only to overtly political causes, but to apolitical activities too. Must the Dog Society and the Drama Society also beg at the feet of Mark Scott for permission to advertise and promote their latest play or dog therapy session? In seeking to target pro-Palestine activists, Scott and co have curtailed the rights and freedoms of all students and staff.

These measures can be defied, and they can be defeated. This must be through defiant collective action, not through lobbying or negotiation. In 2020, the USYD SRC and Education Action Group were at the forefront of the Democracy is Essential campaign that defeated the NSW Government's anti-protest laws. A similar campaign that aims to draw in larger layers of students to oppose and defy these measures will be the way we make them null and void and force the university to back down. That is why the Education Action Group has called an unauthorised stalls day for Wednesday July 31, during Week 1. As many collectives, clubs and societies, unions, civil organisations and individuals should join in helping to collectively disobey the CAP. The SRC's presence and support will be essential.

Platform

1. The USYD SRC opposes in entirety the new Campus Access Policy adopted by the University of Sydney on June 28.
2. The USYD SRC unequivocally supports freedom of speech and protest.
3. The USYD SRC endorses the Unauthorised Stalls Day on August 1 and calls on students to collectively defy the Campus Access Policy in defence of our freedom of speech and democratic rights.

Action

1. The USYD SRC will have a stall at the Unauthorised Stalls Day and will promote it on social media.
2. USYD SRC Councillors and Office bearers will commit to joining the stalls day. Office bearers and collective convenors will endeavour to have their own visible stall at the day.
3. The USYD SRC will publish this motion on its social media.

Discussion:

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motion saying it was not a controversial motion, but the discussion that needs to be had is how we are going to oppose the CAP, and there is great potential for bringing people into the fight. This is not about condemning those who might not be getting involved such as Unions NSW but remind them this is a question of solidarity, and how much this could impact everyone from activism to clubs and societies promoting revues or whatever may be happening, and it will kill political action on this campus. Student own be defeated here or anywhere in Australia.

Rand Khatib echoed the sentiments of Deaglan and spoke about how the CAP was an attack on everyone and on the political hub and culture that has always been at USyd. There are so many institutions working against the people right now and we need to see this for what it is. I was in Ed Con when we found out a Syrian friend noted that this was how regimes start.

Emma Searle spoke to the motion and echoed again Deaglan's comments on the importance of and active campus and the need to build and make as big as possible the stall day. And spoke about push backs at other universities in fighting against management's constrains on protests and activities.

Ben Walden spoke to the motion and spoke about the importance of being hostile to management and build this with as many staff and students as we can. And spoke about the ridiculousness of the policy in that putting up a poster about a club or society without 72 hours' notice could have you detained, and the police called. This is as ridiculous and there is no excuse about lack of resources this just needs to be as big as possible with people there on the day.

Tobias Hansson spoke to the motion and said that the CAP is atrocious and reiterated the sentiments of the previous speakers and noted that is this successful in its implementation it could be explained to other unis and see this further expanded. Nothing that this also deeply impacts staff at the uni who are already vulnerable and so we need to take this very seriously.

Max Pomarca spoke to the motion and noted that the CAP is a clear attack on Palestine activism, and this has been a direct response to the encampment, and this is the uni's way of trying to prevent any challenges to them, and their positions. If we don't defeat the CAP this will encourage other unis to implement similar policies to silence any actions on campus and any dissent. We need to fight this with every resource we have. This is an attack on all activism now and in the future.

Annabel Pettit agreed with the previous speakers' statements and wanted to not that there is very little that differentials Mark Scott to other VC's who may have been even more heavy handed on clearing out protesters. What this shows is Mark Scott doesn't have dule obligations, his only obligation is to those that hated the encampment to reassure them this won't happen again. We know from 2020 what a successful response to repression of protests looks like and we need to do it again and we need to bring as many people out to these protests as that is the way to win is to mobilise students. Zooming out we also need to look at this is about a perspective that doesn't even want to consider negotiations, and we need to remember that.

Harrison Brennan spoke to the motion saying that we needed to fight this not only as it is a direct attack from the encampment and pro-Palestine protests, but it is also about all future protests.

The hypocrisy of the uni using our history of student activism on this campus as a draw card while also introducing the CAP to kill activism. We're reaching out to as many groups as possible to grow the Stalls Day and how just how ridiculous the CAP

Jasmine Donnelly spoke to the motion, saying the CAP is a dangerous step, and NLS is fully aware how important this is, and spoke about the unions noting they are coming one week later so they may not come, but we will see what happens. Asked about other unions that are attending.

Maddie Clark spoke to the motion calling this a mask off moment for Mark Scott, with talking about how he supports free speech, but this CAP policy makes any talk of free speech redundant. Even recently just having a mega-phone on us we were approached and intimidated by security citing the CAP. We need to take this very seriously, and the way to defeat it is to get as many people and organisation on side, it shouldn't just be student groups but other civil liberty groups as possible. We need to protest to get changes, it's what we've done in the past and need to continue to do.

Moved: Deaglan Godwin

Seconded: Rand Khatib

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Q4. Nuclear: No & Never

Preamble:

Peter Dutton, gearing up for the 2025 Federal Election, has announced a nuclear energy scheme proposing the construction of seven nuclear power plants on existing or former coal-fired power stations across Australia. This LNP policy, supposedly designed to ease energy costs for Australian workers, is fundamentally flawed. The plan projects two nuclear power stations to be operational by 2035 to 2037, which the CSIRO has proven impossible. This policy reflects a shared obsession from BOTH major parties over the proliferation and use of nuclear power, whether for submarines or for our energy grid. Both Labor's investment in AUKUS and their approval of new fossil fuel sites across the country demonstrates the disingenuous nature of Labor's public engagement with Dutton's nuclear power policy. Labor is cynically using this debate to position themselves as superior to the Coalition on the environment, but we know that this is a distraction from their long and continuing history of climate vandalism in Australia.

Dutton's energy scheme would prolong and increase reliance on gas and coal during the transition to nuclear power, worsening emissions and driving up energy costs for everyone. Additionally, nuclear power presents numerous issues: radioactive waste production and storage, inability to accommodate fluctuations in energy output from renewables (solar and wind), and the possible risk of catastrophic disasters (Chernobyl, Fukushima, Three-Mile Island etc). Every aspect of this plan is designed to hinder the transition to reliable, affordable and sustainable renewable energy.

The planet is already “*on the highway to climate hell*”, and we are seeing the damage inaction is reaping worldwide. Bushfires ravaged Canada in 2023 which forced more than 250,000 people to evacuate and sent more than 2.98 metric tons of Co2 in the air, 4x more emissions than planes did last year. Kenya faced extreme flooding from March to May this year affecting more than 62,000 households, damaging 41,000 acres of crops, killing over 9000 livestock, and destroying essential water sources. In late May, a Cyclone hit India and Bangladesh killing 69 people, forcing the evacuation of 910,000 people and reaping significant harm to the energy infrastructure. This is not to mention the frequency of death-inducing heat waves scattering the globe.

Australia must abandon fantasies like nuclear energy and faux-scientific methods like carbon capture in efforts to reduce the severity of the climate crisis. We need an immediate **just transition** to renewable energy nationwide. We must nationalize the energy industry, offer free reskilling and training for energy workers, and cap energy prices that are bleeding workers dry. There is no place for volatile, ineffective, and risk-ridden nuclear energy in Australia, not now and not ever.

Platform:

- The USYD SRC firmly opposes Peter Dutton and the LNP’s Nuclear Energy Scheme, which will hinder any transition to renewable energy and drive-up energy costs for workers.
- The USYD SRC recognises that nuclear energy poses significant safety and environmental risks, from the production and storage of radioactive waste to the potential for catastrophic disasters.
- The SRC rejects any and all research into nuclear energy and/or arms and reiterates the need for greater research into renewable energy and its storage. This includes the School of Physics’ ‘Fusion group’ which research “harnessing nuclear fusion as a viable energy source.”
- The USYD SRC calls for an immediate just transition to renewable energy which involves nationalizing the energy industry, the free and paid training of energy workers, and caps on energy prices.

Action:

- The USYD SRC will post this motion to social media.
- The USYD SRC will continue to commit itself to campaigns fighting for an immediate just transition to renewable energy.

Discussion:

Harrison Brennan spoke to the motion and covered the motions main points, speaking about the media coverage of this recently. And spoke about the lack of tangible climate action but dreams of nuclear and coal capture. Instead blocking coal and gas mining and public ownership and caps on energy costs.

Rand, echoed Harrison's statement and said we should be concerned about the Libs nuclear policies and that is very clear from their racist no campaign and the ALP's inability to challenge that assertion during the campaign they are prospering each other up as parties rather than being true oppositions to each other

Emma Searl spoke to the motion saying that this is a horrific push by the liberal party but not a surprising one, and the question of nuclear energy has a huge impact. And the AUKUS deal that Labor pushed through is what allowed this debate to be opened up. Where is the nuclear waste going to? This is where the Libs have become almost indistinguishable, this isn't Labor vs liberal this is workers vs. government.

Grace Street, this is not economically sound, environmentally sound. But the proposed sites in 2021 were opposed by community leaders, and was finally struck down, and the current proposed site was already impacted by radiation by the British government with nuclear testing out there and contamination of country that continues to this day. We reject nuclear energy as racist, classist and elitist.

Jessica Heap spoke to the motion and spoke about the Liberals nuclear policy and the impact on communities, one suggestion is up in central Queensland in Callide, and the federal MP there is ignoring his constituents, and he is deleting comments in opposition to this plan. Adding that, the location is very dangerous with the bush around and high fire risk. Noting that nuclear is also unreliable and expensive as well as risky.

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motion saying that it's all well and good to post Simpsons memes in response to Dutton's nuclear plan, it is a joke, but it is Labor that opened the door for this with AUKUS. With the nuclear subs being one step away for nuclear weapons. At the budget, households got a measly 300 to deal with rushing energy costs. Nuclear power won't help with costs with the cost of building plants in the UK being massively delayed and overbudget. We need to campaign against the ALP and the government because the failures of supposedly left-wing government lay the groundwork for the right wing to gain traction.

Jamie Bridge spoke to the motion saying that the difference between Libs and alp is not IF but How we use nuclear. Nuclear is incredibly dangerous and it is the resistance of the population that has prevented investment in nuclear power, and we need to continue that today.

Eliza Crossley spoke to the motion calling the Libs energy plan insane and spoke about Dutton mini nuclear energy plants - that don't even exist yet - and is a fake policy in an attempt to win back seats. But while this is happening the ALP have approved more mines of Gina Rinehart's and praised Santos and spoke about how climate scientist has noted that this is a disaster, and nothing is being done about it.

Moved: Harrison Brennan

Seconded: Rand Khatib

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

Harrison Brennan resumed the Chair

O. Report of Committees and Officers

Procedural motion to move all the reports en bloc

Moved: Deaglan Godwin

Seconded: Simon Upitis

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

O1. Report of the Education Officers

Amidst our ongoing campaign for the University to cut ties with and divest from Israeli apartheid and genocide, the last few weeks have had a major focus on building a base of resistance against the new Campus Access Policy. Instated with notifying students or staff, the C.A.P is an offensive to activism, free speech and both student and staff unionism at USyd. It requires submitting notice for gatherings and putting up posters, and to receive approval for using megaphones, putting up stalls, and other normal activist activities - something which the University should not be able to enforce on the stolen land it occupies. We know that this is a response to the success of the Gaza Solidarity Encampment and our continual campaign against the University's complicity in genocide, but recognise that it affects all students, staff and any future campaigns that take aim at the University.

We have had two Education Action Group meetings thus far to breakdown the C.A.P and discuss the fight back against it. With a media release, posts on social media, and contacting different groups we have received a strong response from the community and civil bodies about this outrageous policy that is a gateway to a full crackdown on activism and all activities on campus.

Coming up is our Unauthorised Stalls Day (12pm Wednesday 31 July) and Staff & Student rally (1pm Thursday 1 August) next week, and our Student General Meeting (5pm Wednesday 7 August) the following week. This will be an important and historic vote for Palestine. We need all groups to join us – touch one, touch all – for a united and strong fightback for our rights to protest on campus and for the liberation of Palestine.

Currently, we are also working through analysis of the information coming back from our Freedom of Information request to the University about its financial ties to Israel. So far, we can see lots of equities in companies on the BDS list, as well as many mining and gambling companies, that show the true nature of the modern corporate university.

O2. Report of the Women's Officers

No feminist liberation without Palestinian liberation.

Over the past month, we have been preparing for the Student General Meeting by getting as many students we know to get on board, designing and ordering stickers for each of the collectives, as well as preparing for the upcoming unauthorised stalls day. We also fully support the NTEU staff rally this coming Thursday! It is crucial to demand that Sydney University sever ties with weapons manufacturers and Apartheid Israel, particularly following the recent ICJ hearing which affirms what Palestinians have been saying for decades: the occupation of the West Bank is illegal, and Israel enforces a system of Apartheid against Palestinians. Furthermore, we must protest the new campus access, anti-protest policy which amounts to draconian suppression of free speech. We are appalled that our right to protest is under attack, and this affects everyone!

Last month, the Lancet medical journal conservatively estimated that over 186,000 Palestinians have died as a result of Israel's genocide. Last week alone was one of the deadliest days, with Israeli airstrikes on schools and a designated humanitarian zone in Khan Younis, Gaza, killing hundreds of Palestinians. The situation deteriorates and our government and institutions remain deeply complicit.

Following the recent ICJ ruling on the occupation of the West Bank, where the UN court ordered Israel to end its occupation of Palestinian territories, it is imperative that we call on our government and institutions to stand up for justice, freedom, and solidarity with Palestine. We reaffirm the BDS movement's demands: Immediately impose a comprehensive military embargo on Israel; Impose lawful targeted sanctions against Israel; Immediately end all other forms of complicity with Israel's illegal military occupation; Re-activate the UN Special Committee against Apartheid; Suspend Israel from the United Nations.

Moving into the next semester, WoCo is so excited to launch a collaboration with ACAR: FALL: Feminist, Anti-racist Liberation Library. This space will feature collaborative multi-modal learning sessions reading groups, film screenings, writing workshops and more. Our first FALL event will be a screening of *Concerning Violence* by Göran Olsson. Additionally, we are planning a Tatreez & Cheese workshop, so stay tuned for that!

Finally, we are excited to announce Reclaim & Resist Week from October 8-11th. This week will celebrate feminist and decolonial resistance. Let us know if you want to get involved and join us at WoCo!

O3. Report of the Environment Officers

We are now facing a huge attack on freedom of speech because of the university's new 'Campus Access Policy'. Only introduced a week ago, it is intentionally designed to stop anything like the Gaza Solidarity Camp from happening again. It will not just impact protesting, but all aspects of organizing, such as having a stall and putting up posters. It is a draconian and extreme measure, consistent with the neoliberal university model and the anti-protest laws passed by the major parties.

We will use the Enviro Office to fight this policy and are currently gathering signatures for our open letter. This will be an integral part of next semester, and we encourage everyone to mobilise so as to counter this attack on our right to protest.

The genocide in Palestine will also continue to be a main priority for us throughout the rest of the holiday break and into next semester. The protest against the NSW Labor conference on the 27th of July will be a great opportunity to pressure Labor. It will illustrate how ordinary people are angry with Labor's support and complicity in this horrific genocide. So too will the Students General Meeting on August 7 be important to continue to put focus on the university's ties with weapons companies and highlight how students are unequivocally with the people of Palestine.

Fatima Payman's forced expulsion from the party shows just how committed to Israel, Labor is, but also demonstrates how protest and the Palestine solidarity movement can destabilize the institutions of power. Because of Payman's visits to the student camps, such as our own, she was pressured to act for Palestine. Thus, we need to continue to put our efforts into bottom-up activism.

04. Report of the Welfare Officers

Over the past weeks of student holidays welfare officers Jasmine and Julius have been promoting the upcoming rally against the ALP conference to be held in Sydney this week. Not only has the Labor governments support for Israel's genocide in Gaza not changed, the ALP has also doubled down on their attacks on pro-Palestinian activists by trying to demonise them as violent and anti-democratic. This protest will be a great opportunity to show how hated the labour government is.

It will also be a good opportunity for USyd activists to potentially meet students from USyd and promote the upcoming SGM. Building the SGM has been an important task of ours over the past weeks as it will be the key activist event upon our return to campus. We have been reaching out to various societies for endorsement, calling through lists of students and creating faculty/class group chats in order to begin creating the infrastructure for the SGM so that we are ready to hit the ground running when campus goes back. The recent SGM at UQ shows that with some serious building work this thing can be a huge success and propel the Palestine campaign on campus and so everyone should pull out all the stops to contribute to the SGM.

The other development during this time has been the campus access policy at USyd. This is a new draconian anti-activist policy designed to shut down student activism at USyd. There has already been noise around this policy, and it has drawn criticism from students and civil rights institutions like Amnesty. O-week will be an important period to publicly defy the cap with unauthorised stall days, which also have the possibility to seriously politicise the campus. We should all be returning to uni next semester with a serious outlook for getting new students involved in the Palestine campaign and fighting back against uni management.

Motion to accept all the Officers' reports.

Moved: Harrison Brennan

Seconded: Grace Street

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

P. Special Business

There were no items of special business.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm.