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MINUTES of the **1st** meeting of the Executive Committee, 90th SRC, held on 23rd January in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Imogen Grant (Chair), Nina Dillon Britton*, Adriana Olguin Malavisi^, Steven Wu^, Maya Eswaran, Aaron Yi, and Zixuan Wei.

Apologies: Bella Pytka, Steven Wu, Thomas Manousaridis, Yuxuan Yang

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Chitra Narayanan, Thomas McLoughlin

Meeting Opened: 11:10am

*^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, Steven Wu, Thomas Manousaridis, and Yuxuan Yang.

The apologies were noted.

3. Introduction to the Executive

Julia Robins gave an overview of the duties and expectations of the Executive, and the meeting procedures.

4. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 30th November were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 30th November be accepted.

Moved: Adriana Olguin Malavisi

Seconded: Nina Dillon Britton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

5. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

7. Workplace Health and Safety Report

There was nothing to report

8. Report of the President

NUS NatCon

NUS organises rallies, provides resources, and gives campaigns greater reach. There is no other institution that can fulfill such a role or claim to represent such a large number of students. And the demise of NUS (which reductions in affiliation/disaffiliation would accelerate) does not guarantee that something better will form. In fact, with the stagnation of the student movement we probably wouldn't have a cross-campus union for a very long time.

There is also a popular argument that the introduction of fees after the collapse of the AUS was a response to the lack of adequate student representation at a national level. Had a national union been able to coordinate rallies and push students' case while mass demonstrations were unfeasible (due to summer break etc.), the government would not have been able to marginalise students so easily.

This is backed up by the fact that in 1995 NUS called major protests involving more than 25k students against Keating's attempt to increase HECS levels and they were so disruptive and successful in altering public opinion that the government backed down. The same successes can be said of NUS' campaigns against fee deregulation. The fear is that the collapse of NUS during a time of attacks on higher education would mean that the means for effective mobilization would dissolve...and students would bare the cost.

NUS Presidents' Summit

Monday 29 January - Wednesday 31 January (i.e. next week). Held at Deakin University, Melbourne. Presidents' Summit is an annual conference held by NUS every year. The Summit provides training and networking opportunities for the Presidents of our affiliate campuses as well as hosting panels of speakers from the media and the higher ed sector. It provides opportunities to collaborate on campaigns that relate to student issues and provide training for incoming student office bearers to best assist in preparing for their terms. An invoice of \$550 has been sent to the SRC to cover registration.

O-Week Preparations

Most important time for student outreach. O-Week is an unparalleled opportunity to speak to incoming students and inform them about our campaigns and services. We have organised with the USU our stall arrangement. All SRC collectives will be having stalls. Along with the admin team, I have also been researching into resources for the SRC stall (e.g. zines, pamphlets, decorations, SRC promo material etc.)

SRC Promotion and Outreach

The admin team and myself have been researching into methods to increase the SRC's outreach to the student population. We are looking to purchasing an SRC gazebo with SRC branding that can be used for stalls on Eastern Avenue to promote the SRC's campaigns and services. The gazebo will be particularly useful for the casework team when doing outreach on satellite campuses. Quotes range from \$500 - \$1,000 for a reasonably sized gazebo with branding.

Sexual Assault Campaign, report back on the Broderick Review into colleges

Given that the review was initiated and announced in response to an avalanche of media reporting about incidents of sexual assault and sexual harassment at University of Sydney colleges, it is remarkable that this context is entirely missing from the report, and that the examination of sexual violence is placed within a broader mix of cultural issues at colleges.

We can only assume that the University and colleges significantly altered the focus of the review between its announcement in May 2016 and its formal commissioning in October 2016, which raises an important question

about whether this review was about managing reputational issues or genuinely seeking to address the decades-long culture enabling sexual violence at these colleges.

Broderick and her team only interviewed 17 alumni of the colleges, so the vast majority of opinions are from current college students. While these opinions are clearly important to gather, it's crucial to recognise that due to the insular nature of the college community, current college students often have very different views to alumni, who have had some time to reflect on their experience, and feel less immediate social pressure to defend their institutions. The project also failed to engage with other members of the community, such as student representatives, parents, college staff (e.g. cleaners) and university staff.

But perhaps the most glaring omission of all is the absence of quotes from survivors of sexual violence. When it was their experiences of hazing and sexual violence, and their bravery in speaking out about this culture, that precipitated the inquiry, their voices are missing entirely from Broderick's report.

I will be meeting with Elizabeth Broderick and Michael Spence next week about the Broderick Review, specifically the review into St Paul's College. If the same methodology is applied to St Paul's College, no survivors of sexual assault or alumni will contribute to the review. Current St Paul's students would be the only ones to testify to the state of their college's culture.

Maya Eswaran asked if Imogen Grant thought there was a way the issues with the Broderick review could be addressed

Nina Dillon Britton noted that the Women's Officers had said that Elizabeth Broderick seemed embarrassed about the backlash to the report and felt it will effect how the St. Paul's College Review will be addressed.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted including purchasing a branded marquee, .

Moved: Nina Dillon Britton

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Adriana Olguin Malavisi left the meeting at 12:00

9. Report of the Vice Presidents

There was nothing to report

10. Report of the General Secretaries

Nina Dillon Britton: Yuxuan Yang is currently away so this is what I've been up to while he has been away. Yuxuan Yang is writing a page on things for international studnets.

General Secretary Report

- Have met with most collective OBs, will be organising meetings with some minor OBs and Welfare officers through Jan.
- Counter-course is coming along, there has been lots of delays with people submitting their articles. Thanks to Enviro officers, wom*n's officers, Disabilities officers for getting theirs in. Am trying to represent all departments in the counter-course book but that is looking unlikely at this point.

O-Week Merchandise funding requests

- SRC hasn't done branded merchandise that is given away in the O-week show bags before. Good way of advertising the SRC.
- Countercourse quote is cheaper than last year, as is the USU stall quotes. Will exceed slightly the O-Week budget from last year, but not by much. Think it's worth it.
- \$1100 for 100 SRC T-shirts – either through Alibaba or Tee Junction
 - Sell for about \$10 – can start higher and then discount
 - Brigitte Samaha has done the designs, (see below) which would go on the back and then there would be a small SRC logo on the front.
- \$2475 printed calico bags from Claytons Australia
 - Usually there are about 1000, but these are always exhausted early, think it's worth order 1500 – reach more students.
 - This is cheaper than the unprinted calico bags from last year, which were \$2,294.80 for 1000 according to docs Daniel Ergas sent me.
- \$450 for 1500 bottle openers with SRC logo – Alibaba
 - Maybe should advertise the caseworker service instead? Thoughts on how to do this in a small space?
 - Would be used a lot.
- \$450 for branded pens – Alibaba
 - This is a lot cheaper than the other quotes – over quoting because need to account for USD fluctuations and PayPal adding more for conversion rate.

Merchandise donations summary

- Have been reaching out to brands/NGOs to get materials for the O-Week bags
- Georgia Mantle has suggested that we put together a “raffle” where you go in the running to receive some goodies if you like the SRC and maybe Caseworker Facebook page in O-Week – so am also seeking donations for that. Think it's a good idea to get more people engaged.

Brand	Object	Contacted	Replied	Donating?
Ubycotex	Tampons	Yes, on form	Yes	No
Acon	Condoms etc	Yes		
HERO	Condoms	Yes		
Moxie	Tampons	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dendy	Tickets/discounts	Yes	Yes	Yes! Student discount pamphlets Marilene Silva Fernandes <MarileneS@dendy.com.au>
Palace Cinemas	Tickets/discounts	Yes	Yes	Yes Nicholas Cummins <Nicholas.Cummins@palacecinemas.com.au>

Gen Pants	Discounts	Yes	Yes	No
Post it	Post it notes	Yes	Yes	Yes 1500 innovation.au@mmm.com Nicole
Mary's	Discounts	Yes		
Guzman	Discounts	Yes	Yes	Pending
Mad Mex	Discounts	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rape and DV Services Australia	Materials	Yes		
Kuletos	Discounts	Yes		
The Landsdowne	Discounts	Yes		
Princess Polly	Discounts	Yes	Yes	No
Family Planning NSW	Materials	Yes		
Belvoir St Theatre	Discounts and tickets for raffle	Yes	Yes	Tickets and student 1500 student discounts

Other preparations for O-week

- Translating the counter-course book into Mandarin and hopefully other languages too depending on availability of people to translate.
- Setting up an SRC WeChat and organise a big barcode so that people can join – make translated Countercourse available through there. Will need to be organising someone to do that.
- Need to organise volunteers for the stall.
- Imogen will speak to stalls?

Counter-course

- Have decided to not go with the subject guides this year bc:
 - This was useful when students would sign up on the day to whole degrees and courses – that's already done long before O-Week now
 - Could reform to be guides to specific units – recommending some, discouraging people from doing others – but Ed officers have brought up concern that that undermines staff.
 - Maybe a rate your course is something to look into - Melbourne University has a website where people provide feedback on units – but if we wanted to do this would be better to do online rather than in a book anyway.
 - So its sort of general tips on courses, takes up far less of the book now.
- We're laying up, but people still sending things in late which is frustrating but trying to include as much as possible.

Budget

- After counter-course will be spending more time on this. One concern I have at the moment is the amount that some officers have given to charities at the end of their tenure over the last few years. Will be looking more into this to try and understand why.
- I think – not always – but sometimes this is because people don't spend their budget (particularly for more minor positions) but then don't want it to look like they've done nothing at the end of the year and also want to protect their department's budget for the next year.
- Often means that money is spent with very little transparency. Exec does oversee but is maybe hesitant to reject budget requests within the budget allocated.
- Maybe way of doing this is to reduce budget allocated slightly and then have a separate budget which is available when active officers go over their budgets.
- There are cases when giving to charities is justified, not inherently bad. Need more transparency.
- Another way is perhaps exec should be more hesitant to approve donation requests, particularly right at the end of the year. May need more justification for these, explanation why money wasn't spent on campaigns instead.
- Will be asking for more detailed budget plans from officers this year.

Aaron Yi asked if the bottle opener encourage drinking.

Nina Dillon Britton said that while that is a concern it is still significantly less than what the USU promotes, also bottle openers can be used on non-alcoholic drinks.

Imogen Grant said she was happy with the shirts but concerned the SRC would not get through them all.

Maya Eswaran said even if only 50 sell the SRC will still make \$500 back.

Nina Dillon Britton added that she may reduce the order to 50 shirts if that's a concern. Also that she has spoken to Georgia Mantle a former General Secretary who recommended that a raffle and get people to follow us on social media to be put into the draw.

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

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Zixuan Wei

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

11. Report of the Administration Manager

Chitra Narayanan entered the meeting at 12:39

Chitra Narayanan introduced herself and her role in the SRC.

12. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was nothing to report

13. SRC Legal Service Report

Thomas McLoughlin entered the meeting at 12:42

- Thomas gave an update on what the legal services does
- Thomas advised he had been away and as such was still making preparations for the year ahead.
- Thomas informed the executive that he is keen to work with Kingsford legal centre, and that unlike Sydney University and the SRC legal service or Redfern legal centre, UNSW has a close relationship with the Kingston legal centre, Thomas spoke about wanting to build a similar relationship with the University of Sydney was Kingston has with UNSW.
- Thomas spoke about the SRC having to relocate in the future

- Thomas spoke about wanting to working with and get some sponsorship from Stephen Blanks who he has worked with in the past and that Stephen Blanks has worked for the Council of Civil Liberties and Thomas would like the possibility of working with them on future projects.
- Thomas noted that Redfern has claimed that it is the only legal service offers free legal advice to for students in the state.
- Thomas expressed a desire to turn the SRC legal centre into a community legal centre and how the complications with making that happen, such as approval from existing community legal centres, is why he hasn't pursued this yet but sees this as something to work towards

Thomas McLoughlin left the meeting at 12:58

There was discussion around the complications of SSAF funding and moving to community legal centre style.

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

Moved: Nina Dillon Britton

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Approval of Payments

14.1. Invoices

NUS Presidents Summit	\$550
ASEN Training camp	\$3 370

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Zixuan Wei

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

15. Any Other Reports

15.1. Report of the Education Officers

- We had first EAG of the year, which went well. We mostly discussed the counter course and upcoming protests.
- The National Union of Students have organised a National Day of Action for Wednesday 21st March, I have received materials for this and the upcoming NSW Education Organising meeting will decide the details and the logistics for the rally.
- The Counter Course is coming together. Nina, Lara and myself decided and got the approval of the EAG meeting to cut a lot of the subject review content. Instead, we will provide pages of tips to students from different faculties based on the survey we put out. Hopefully this will mean it is more relevant to students and eliminates the anti worker politics of past counter course books. We have a design layout and have collected political articles and commissioned artworks.
- I and many other members of the EAG have been organising and promoting the FIRE rally for Invasion Day coming up very soon. Leafleting and posterung all around the city and suburbs.
- The general idea of the EAG this year is to be an activist body able to organise the broad left around any social issue on or off campus. Anti racist activism in particular is extremely important in the current climate.

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

Moved: Zixuan Wei

Seconded: Maya Eswaran

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

15.2. Report of the Women's Officers

- Growing Strong has been a large priority. We are currently in the stages of finalising pieces and the handbook will be ready to print by January 31st. There are a diverse range of works in the publication both with regard to content and contributors. We anticipate a busy and tiring week of editing but are looking forward to see the final product.
- O-Week is on the horizon and we have been in contact with Love Claude, sanitary item people, the Scarlet Alliance, intersectional counselling services, RDVSA, NSW Sexual Health, vegan condom people, Max Black, Take Blacktion, the RPA, and so forth for free resources to give to students. We are also working on information pamphlets re: accessible abortions. Actions for O-Week are also in the works, as is an event, the nature of which we have not yet decided. We are meeting with NSW Health sexual health staff on Wednesday to discuss plans for the year too.
- We have had one collective meeting to plan for the year ahead in which Invasion Day, our campaign/O-Week/Growing Strong plans were discussed, among other things. We have also met with Penny Sharpe MLC who will be putting up amendments to the Summary Offences Act to ensure safe access zones to the Legislative Assembly before Easter, and are meeting with Mehreen Faruqi MLC to see how the End 12 campaign is going at the same time as you are all in the exec meeting right now(!). We have been in touch with the NUS Women's Officer to see if our ideas for the year can be streamlined. Soon we will be meeting with Elizabeth Broderick to discuss the aftermath of the Broderick Review, which should be interesting. Lots of meetings.
- We have had two contingents attend the two most recent pro-Palestine rallies in the past month; the turn-out has been quite good. We also had a banner paint in the OB room in preparation

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

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Nina Dillon Britton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

15.3. Report of the Publications Managers

- Honi and Handbooks printing quotes attached separately
- Request to advertise for the Honi Distributer position

Motion: that the report of the Publications Manger be accepted.

Moved: Maya Eswaran

Seconded: Nina Dillon Britton

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

16. Other Business

16.1 Staff Leave

Breda Dee	Annual, 10/01/18, 1 day, 7 hours
Sharon Maher	Annual, 22/02/18 – 23/02/18, 2 days, 14 hours Annual, 22/01/18 – 25/01/18, 4 days 28 hours
Melissa de Silva	Annual, 09/02/18, 1 day, 7 hours Annual/ TIL, 30/04/18, 1 day 7 hours Annual, 29/1/18, 1 day, 7 hours Annual, 12/02/18, 1 days 7 hours
Annie Zeng	Annual/TIL, 05/02/18 – 06/02/18, 2 days 14 hours
Chitra Narayanan	Study, 25/01/18, 1 day, 7 hours Study, 08/02/18 – 09/02/18, 2 days, 14 hours Study, 22/02/18 – 23/02/18, 2 days, 14 hours
Mickie Quick	Annual, 08/01/18 – 10/01/18, 3 days, 17 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Nina Dillon Britton

Seconded: Zixuan Wei

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

16.2 After Hours Access Approval

Education:	Lara Sonnenschein
Welfare:	Sean Young Niamh Callinan
Ethno Cultural:	Nischeta Pethi Geneve Bullo Tanushri-Radha Saha
Indigenous:	Jackson Newell Holly Kovac
International:	Zimiao Gao Mengwei Yuan Zhuonan Li
Environment:	Natalie Berry
Intercampus:	Wenkai Lyu Kehan Chen
Harassment:	Briget Neave-Cowley
Disabilities:	Mollie Galvin Ren Rennie
Queeer:	Ray Prout Jazzyn Breen
Social Justice:	Aiden Magro Otis Carter
Student Housing:	Jacky He
DSP:	Sarah Cutter-Russell

Motion: that the swipe access be approved en bloc.

Moved: Nina Dillon Britton

Seconded: Zixuan Wei

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting was declared closed at 1:17pm