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MINUTES of the **10th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 91st SRC, held on 16th May 2019 in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Jacky He (Chair), Yuxuan Yang*, Niamh Callinan*, Dane Luo^, Caitlyn Chu^, Josie Jakovac, Xiaoyu Jin, and Prudence Wilkins-Wheat

Apologies: Vonnie Li

Minutes: Cameron Caccamo

In attendance: Chitra Narayanan and Amanda LeMay

Meeting Opened: 12.24pm

*^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 Vonnie Li.

Motion: To accept the apologies of Vonnie Li.

Moved: Dane Luo

Seconded: Josie Jakovac

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 2nd May 2019 were distributed.

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

Moved: Xiaoyu Jin

Seconded: Caitlyn Chu

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

There was no Workplace Health and Safety Report

7. Report of the President

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Jacky He passed the Chair to Dane Luo

The President submitted this report:

Since the 9th Executive meeting I have:

- Liaising with the University on some of the conditions upon which SSAF funding will be granted
- Conducted mid-year staff consultations with all the staff at the SRC and produced a detailed recording of their responses to each question that was raised
- Raised issues about student tenancy and affiliations with community legal centres for satellite campuses at the campus experience steering committee
- Informed the staff committee to formally begin the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement process
- Organised student interviews (as a part of the University's Thematic Review) on their experiences of internships and work placements and the kind of support they believe they would benefit from that the University can provide
- Helped to organise written article works on WeChat

Upcoming Plans:

- Negotiate a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement
- Hosting a Sex and Consent Day in the beginning of next semester, reach out to caseworkers, Wom*n's Officers, convenors of the Wom*n's Collectives
- Ongoing presence on WeChat
- Reviewing the applications for the 2019 electoral officer and conduct interviews with the candidates before the May Council meeting, so that a recommendation can be put to the May Council Meeting
- Fully complete the OLE reform, which will take effect in 2020 the earliest
- Attending the World University Network Presidents' Conference at Dublin around mid-May

Discussion:

Jacky He: I would also like to add that Dane Luo will be acting President for the time I am away.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Josie Jakovac

Seconded: Xiaoyu Jin

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The Chair was returned to Jacky He.

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

Executive Summary

Since the 9th Executive meeting, we have:

- Attended the SULLS International Student Discussion;
- UE Education Committee meeting on Monday 6 May 2019;

- Written an explanatory statement for the proposed changes to the *Regulations* for Representatives;
- Held a meeting and provided a tour of our University to the President of the Deakin University Student Association;
- UE Research Education Committee meeting on Thursday 9 May 2019;
- Conducted mid-year staff consultations with the President for all staff members;
- Assisted the President and General Secretary with negotiations for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement.

Upcoming plans:

- Welfare Week (semester 2 week 3) will be our largest focus;
- Student Consultative Committee meeting on Tuesday 21 May 2019;
- Hosting a Business and Engineering Networking session;
- Satellite campus visits to Camden, SCA, Westmead, Surry Hills and Conservatorium;
- Continue working on reviewing other parts of the *Regulations*;
- Assisting the President and General Secretaries with SSAF and budgetary preparation;
- Negotiating for a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement; and,
- Hosting 90th Anniversary Reunion for late October or early November.

Communications and Publications Issues

The Executive granted the Publications Manager an extra day for 13 weeks earlier this year. This finished last week and the feedback from the Publications Managers and relevant stakeholders has been positive. We have been able to engage more on social media and our website is now up. We propose to extend it for 15 more weeks.

Motion: That the Executive approves one extra day for 5 weeks for the Communications and Publications Department.

Discussion:

Dane Luo: I am not able to attend the Student Consultative Committee meeting next week, is anyone available to go in my place?

Prudence Wilkins-Wheat: When is the meeting?

DL: The meeting is next Tuesday at 3pm.

Josie Jakovac: I'm available at that time, I can do it.

DL: Actually, as Jacky will be away, we have two positions available. Jacky, did you want to open it up for nominations?

Jacky He: Were there any further nominations? There being none, I'm happy to have Josie attend. Speak to James Campbell, and he will brief you.

Motion: that the report of the Vice Presidents, and the appointment of Josie Jakovac as a substitute representative on the Student Consultative Committee, be accepted.

Moved: Yuxuan Yang

Seconded: Xiaoyu Jin

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Since previous meeting:

- Attended Mallat Street with Caseworkers to talk to students during their celebration of International Nurses Day;
- Working with collectives and departments on their budget plans;
- Conducting another breakfast for students;
- Working with the research and policy department on the two research projects that have commenced;
- Commenced EBA negotiations, alongside with the President and Vice President.

Ongoing;

- Breakfasts, which will continue this week;
- Budget planning;
- Visiting satellite campuses with caseworkers towards the end of the semester;
- Organising O-Day for the beginning of Semester 2;
- Negotiate a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement;
- Continue Regulations Review with the Vice President;
- Ongoing presence on WeChat;
- Organise the 90th Anniversary Reunion for late October or early November.

Breakfasts:

We would like to request \$270 to hold a breakfast/brunch tomorrow morning. Yuxuan has calculated the prices based on various deals he has been able to negotiate. The aim is to reach out to over 150 students this time, and the change of food allows us to hold a stall without a BBQ eliminating some WHS issues with students cooking and serving hot food. This is why the increase is \$100 in comparison to last breakfast. Furthermore, as these are no longer being held fortnightly (due to logistical issues) the overall calculated amount enables this increase to be viable.

Motion: that \$270 be approved for the SRC to conduct a second breakfast.

Discussion:

Yuxuan Yang: As said in the report, we're changing the procedure for WHS reasons. We were thinking of serving potato mash, but that may be difficult, and may instead serve fruit and yoghurt.

Dane Luo: That cost of \$270 is quite high, I would like to see a breakdown of that cost at the next Executive Meeting.

YY: Yes, I can do that.

Motion: that the report of the General Secretaries, and the motions therein, be accepted.

Moved: Caitlyn Chu

Seconded: Xiaoyu Jin

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

Chitra Narayanan entered the room at 12.35pm

Chitra Narayanan gave a verbal report.

- Locks on doors: We have been discussing lock-in procedures and training with Mel, and several of our doors need to be worked on. Most of the student rooms – the Officer Room, the Women’s Room, the President’s Office, the Honi Soit Office, and the Gosper Meeting Room – as well as the Offices of An and our Publications Department all need work. We have received a quote for \$1248.50, for the locks and installation.
- Election database: We have an external consultant to assist us with anything I am unable to do in terms of putting the database together. Usually we put aside \$3000 for this expense. This year we would like to change the system, including how data is stored and exported to make the whole process easier. The quote we have received is \$7800.
- Electoral Officer: We do not have one yet so we need to advertise the position again. I would prefer to advertise through Ethical Jobs, it is cheaper than advertising on Seek and you usually get better responses too. That will cost \$180.
- Casual cover: I am also asking that you all agree for Cameron Caccamo to cover for Julia Robins again next Monday and Tuesday.

Discussion:

Dane Luo: I fully support the expenditure on door locks. Some of us have been to Mel’s training, every member of the Executive should receive it, it showed us how important knowing that procedure is. I support the payment for a new database system, it would mean a lot less work involved. Regarding paying Cameron, I think he should also be paid for today, can we please add that?

Chitra Narayanan: I completely agree, yes.

Jacky He: You mentioned work being done in many offices, at the last meeting we also discussed expenditure for blinds in those rooms?

Chitra Narayanan: Yes, locks are a bit more urgent though so we are prioritising that.

Niamh Callinan arrives at 12.40pm

Motion: that the report of the Administration Manager, and the expenditure requests therein, be accepted.

Moved: Dane Luo

Seconded: Caitlyn Chu

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Chitra Narayanan left the room at 12.42pm

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was no Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was no Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

13. Approval of Payments

13.1 Reimbursements

Yuxuan Yang (Executive)	\$172.34	SRC Breakfast*
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* At a previous Executive Meeting the SRC Breakfast program was discussed and a \$162 indicative cost was outlined. This exceeds that amount.

Discussion:

Yuxuan Yang: The reason the cost was higher was because I had to buy a cooker as well, with a cost of roughly \$20.

13.2 Requests

Mickie Quick (Publications)	\$187	Parking Fine
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The Publications Manager, Mickie Quick, submitted the following report regarding the request:

In my duties as the Honi Soit Distributor I received a parking fine for \$187 when using the Loading Zone outside the Business School on 13/03/19 at 10:07am. I use this parking spot as a base to distribute Honi by trolley to the Business School. I always display a letter (on the official SRC letterhead) that states the vehicle is being used to distribute Honi around the University. I was given an instant fine because seemingly sedan cars cannot use loading zones.

The car I was using is a five door hatchback so I appealed the fine, which has since been reviewed by the SDRO. They have upheld the fine because the car is a technically a sedan and 'not principally designed and constructed for transporting goods'.

I request that the SRC covers the cost of the fine. I use a car-share scheme and will book a station wagon in future, which is entitled to use a loading zone for 15 minutes.

Discussion:

Yuxuan Yang: Mickie has sent in a lot of fines to be repaid. I can understand why he is getting the penalties, last time he said he would take care but he has done it again and is asking the SRC to cover him again. I've personally made the mistake of using a Loading Zone and got fined, but I didn't ask the SRC to reimburse that because it was my mistake. Maybe we can pay it this time but not again.

Niamh Callinan: I think that's unreasonable... He had the official letterhead, he was using a car share scheme, this is the first time this year, I think it would be unreasonable not to pay it.

Prudence Wilkins-Wheat: I agree. Additionally he has actually provided a solution so that it won't happen again.

Dane Luo: He has sent fines to the Executive in the past, so I am hesitant to approve this. Where he parked in ABS there are other parking spots closeby that are not loading zones. On the other hand, I can understand trying to be quick when distributing Honi. I think I will abstain.

Josie Jakovac: I think I will abstain as well.

Jacky He: Let's vote on these separately then.

Motion: that the Reimbursement to Yuxuan Yang be approved.

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Xiaoyu Jin

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Motion: that the Request of Mickie Quick be approved.

Moved: Prudence Wilkins-Wheat

Seconded: Niamh Callinan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Abstentions were noted by: Dane Luo, Josie Jakovac, Yuxuan Yang.

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Publications Managers

Amanda LeMay entered the room at 12.47pm

Amanda LeMay gave a verbal report:

- Honi Soit Opinion Competition: Just a quick update on this, we have moved it to first semester, we've had multiple meetings with alumni and have secured a \$5000 donation. We also have 89 entries, the second highest number we've had. We're now in the last stages of the competition with the Judges receiving a shortlist of top entries. The Awards event will be on the 29TH of May at the Verge Gallery. Most of the costs have been covered by donations, with the rest covered by the SRC. It would be good to have SRC Officers there, I will be drafting an email to all of them shortly.

Motion: that the Report of the Publications Managers be accepted.

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Dane Luo

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Amanda LeMay left the room at 12.49pm

14.3 Report of the Education Officers

The Education Officers, James Newbold and Jingrui Xu, submitted their report.

This semester the Education Action Group is continuing its campaign in collaboration with NTEU members against the Ramsay Centre for Western Civilisation, a brainchild of John Howard and Tony Abbott seeking to teach an elitist and racist curriculum on our campus. It is not an option to let university management claim that opposition to Ramsay has died down. We've joined the Staff Against Ramsay in flyering about the Ramsay Centre and will be cohosting a forum on the issue with them later in May with academic and student speakers.

The Education Officers have attended rallies ranging from May Day to the numerous climate strikes that have occurred. In the leadup to this Federal Election it is imperative to be building opposition to the Liberal government. We must not only vote them out but prepare to hold the next government to account in our activism.

The Education department has been working with the NTEU not just against Ramsay but against uni management as a whole. The staff rally against managerialism was a great success - thanks to all students who supported the rally and turned up. Student and staff solidarity is vital to the struggles we share for a better tertiary education system.

Like the Sydney University Education Action Group on Facebook to stay up to date on our campaigns and message us to get involved. We plan to continue solidarity with the workers of USYD and other important campaigns including the work of the SRC Collectives. We also plan to launch a campaign around public transport directed at university management, as our state Liberal government is refusing to listen to students' voices. International students and part-time students deserve concession public transport fares. International students deserve to be able to study part-time and have fair visas that prevent exploitation at work, not worsen it. Ideally, public transport should be free to access funded by taxing corporations and the wealthy.

As usual, the Education Officers are willing to continue working with other OBs and supporting them through organising, turnout and printing. The Education Officers have also organised meetings to discuss plans for the following months. Jingrui is collaborating with the Vice-President Caitlyn to organise a social skills training workshop in May, which focuses on helping students solve issues encountered during socialising, offering suggestions for students to overcome these issues and providing the opportunities for students to get practice during the workshop. Working with SRC Staff, this workshop will mainly focus on mental-health issues, and resolving these problems for students.

The Education Officers have also had meetings with the General Secretary and the Vice-President discussing the Education budget for this year. In part it will be used to support students interested in attending the National Union of Students Education Conference. Of course, the budget will also be used for holding protest events and supporting activism on campus.

Discussion:

Josie Jakovac: I just wanted to say, it's unsavoury that Officers spend their reports attacking political parties instead of talking about ways to assist students. I don't agree with attacking former Prime Ministers. Just on the comments made about public transport, I would like to note that the Government under Gladys Berejiklian has done a lot for public transport, including building the new North-West Metro.

Prudence Wilkins-Wheat: I would like to comment to oppose everything you have just said.

Niamh Callinan: I would also like to disagree and comment that they are working very well with the NTEU, and following precedent of previous Education Officers with their work. What they are doing is well within their duties.

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

Moved: Niamh Callinan

Seconded: Dane Luo

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Abstentions noted: Josie Jakovac

14.3 Report of the Women's Officers

Safer Communities Consultative Committee: Safer Communities Advisory Group:

In the meeting on Tuesday May 7th, we discussed Consent Matters Progress report, student group updates and matters arising, student communications feedback and an update from CIS- Security. We raised points regarding ambulance cover for international students and whether the university would consider covering the cost of an ambulance for a student in the case that this student has not got ambulance cover and is recommended to go to hospital via an ambulance. It was explained in the meeting that this case is very rare, and the university would need to consider it on a case-by-case basis.

The other major issue raised was regarding the fact the Security Walking Service at USYD is no longer available. Campus Infrastructure Services (CIS) when asked prior has responded that there were concerns regarding the fact that the service may attract predators to the area. We have asked for a more thorough justification as to the removal of this service. The outcome of the meeting on 7 May was that CIS will investigate the current situation regarding the history of the service, funding allocation for the service, and new ways to offer this service rather than just through qualified security guards to ensure people feel safe on campus particularly at night. We will continue to consult CIS to ensure we set up a similar service. At today's meeting, there is a motion put forward to increase visibility of the campus shuttle bus services which ties into the importance of ensuring the SRC is doing everything we can to facilitate safer environments on and around campus.

ENID Network:

The USYD Women's Committee have been working around the clock to get the ENID website up and running by clearing off older content to make room for new articles, videos and USYD women profiles. The website should be ready to start loading content this week. We will be reaching out to some women from around campus to engage in profiles for #WomenofUSYD

posts. Suggestions are welcome. In celebration of getting ENID ready for articles we are also considering hosting a Musical Bingo event on campus to foster connectedness between women in an informal environment.

Health Day at Cumberland Campus

It was wonderful to attend Health Day at Cumberland campus. The student feedback received was positive and many commented on the fact they we really appreciated the presence of the SRC at their campus. Congratulations to Dane and Mel for working so diligently (as usual) to produce a really worthwhile day in the interests of USYD students and promoting visibility for the SRC across satellite campuses. Thank you also to the hard work of the case workers who attended. After talking to many women students at Cumberland there is also a strong desire for action to be taken on two points:

- (a) Provision of sanitary items in toilets (such as a machine to purchase sanitary items). We would also like to extend the sanitary item project to the Cumberland campus, by creating a box of free items situated in their library.
- (b) Increasing lighting at night, particularly, along some of the pathways surrounded by bushes.

Women of USYD Past Present and Future Panels:

We have also been working to deliver on the two panel events for next semester. The current theme for the panels is *Women of USYD Past Present and Future*. Sofia Zertitis from the Vice Chancellor's Office has been helping coordinate this event alongside the USYD alumni office. If you have any alumnae, you think would be perfect to hear from on the Q and A style panel we welcome suggestions.

1 Million Women LoveEarth Festival

We would like to buy 10 tickets (costing between 15-55) to send USYD Women representatives to attend the festival. Once we have executive approval, we can start negotiating ticket prices to send the group of ten people.

KEY INFORMATION:

- Event Description from the Eventbrite page:

IT'S 1 MILLION WOMEN'S 10TH BIRTHDAY AND WE'RE CELEBRATING!

Party with us at our LoveEarth Festival - be inspired by world leaders and women from the front lines of climate change, sustainable fashion gurus, zero wasters and performances from superstar musicians who have spent their careers fighting for what's right. Plus watch DIY demos on how to live a plastic-free, zero waste life!

Then browse our Solutions Marketplace that's bursting with products and ideas that enable us to live a life that's lighter on the planet.

- Date: 25th May
- Where: Carriageworks

Annual Budget Preparation

We prepared the annual budget for the SRC women's department. In order to conduct accurate budget calculation, we have contacted several suppliers for sanitary items and

event organising companies. In our budget, we listed 6 major projects that we aim to run for this year, including:

1. Sanitary items project (both in the main campus and the Cumberland campus)
2. ENID project
3. USYD Women Health week
4. Female Alumnae Career Panel “In Conversation Event”
5. Welcome-week events in 2019, semester 2
6. Reserve funding for campaigns or promoting women focused events

The total costs are based on the current estimations, which may be subject to variations. We are happy to discuss our budget with anyone who has inquiries.

Discussion:

Jacky He: Just a note about reports, Julia has made comments that reports may be just as dot points, just so it is easier to read, and longer ones can be sent to Council...

Dane Luo: I have to speak to that. I think we should be happy that students are sending in reports at all, we absolutely should be asking them to shorten it and we shouldn't be attacking the length of their reports.

Josie Jakovac: I agree with all of that.

Jacky He: I wasn't trying to attack them.

Niamh Callinan: They aren't here so I will have to email and ask them, but I want to query this One Million Women Love Earth Festival, they note that it could cost between \$15 and \$55, which is a pretty big gap. This was also not in their budget.

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

Moved: Yuxuan Yang

Seconded: Josie Jakovac

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting was declared closed at 12:59pm