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DRAFT MINUTES of the **4th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 92nd SRC, held on 12th February in the Gosper Room, SRC Offices.

PRESENT: Liam Donohoe (Chair), Liam Thomas*, Felix Faber^, Charlotte Bullock^, Swapnik Sanagavarapu.

Apologies: Abbey Shi*, Isla Mowbray, Sonia Gao, Vivienne Goodes, and Ashley Li.

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Amanda LeMay and Mickie Quick

Meeting Opened: 10:57

*^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 Isla Mowbray Sonia Gao, Vivienne Goodes, and Ashley Li.

As the meeting was called with less than 24 hours' notice all absent were considered to have sent apologies.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Liam Thomas

The apologies were accepted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 24th January 2020 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 24th January 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

The chair to moved to the report of the publication managers.

14.2. Report of the Publications Managers

Amanda LeMay and Mickie Quick entered the meeting at 11:00am

- Welcome week social media posts have all been scheduled.
- There is a banner add on the Honi Soit website that can be sold or used

- Publications requested a set contact person
- Want to put articles from counter course on the different social media platforms to keep up engagement
- Requested funding to sponsor posts to reach a greater audience
- A phone for managing/running social media accounts. Requesting \$800 for an Oppo Reno2

Discussion:

Liam Thomas asked if the banner add on the Honi Soit website was permanent.

The publications managers confirmed it was.

Liam Thomas suggested using it to promote welcome week, NDAs or services.

Liam Donohoe agreed that using it to promote NDA's would be good.

Liam Thomas said that the Vice President could be the contact person but they could discuss this after the meeting.

Liam Donohoe said looking at the regulations the Vice President seems to be responsible for communications so it made sense to appoint them. Liam also noted that putting up articles during quiet times was a good way of maintaining interest.

There was discussion around creating a social media posts time table.

Liam Donohoe asked if there could be an QR code for the Honi website included on the Honi stands.

The Publications Managers said that was possible

Liam Donohoe also mentioned creating an SRC calendar to make planning and promoting events easier.

Publications said they would be able to share and promote events when they are informed of them.

Liam Thomas updated the exec on how the speakers' promotion would work. Student who should they had liked the SRC Facebook/Instagram/WeChat account/s and get a raffle ticket that will be drawn at the beginning of week 2.

Motion: that the report of the Publications Managers be accepted with all included expenditure.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Felix Faber

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence received

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

There was nothing to report from the WHS officer

7. Report of the President

Liam Donohoe gave a verbal report

- Went to the NUS President's Summit, not much to report back from it other than the Education campaign 'You Education, Your Hands'
- Expecting the environment department and the student Climate Strikes group to call a general meeting of the SRC.
 - o This is important symbolism, having such a large meeting of students it's been around 14 years or more since the last general meeting.
- Met with the committee for the Student Association Policy (SAP) they want all Usyd's student groups to be formally registered with an official student organisation, not sure how this will affect collectives and other groups on campus.
 - o The student Charter and the SAP are going to need more attention
- Had a meeting about Campus protective services
 - o Have argued that there is no need to have security at every SRC council meeting
 - o It's also still unclear what their enforcement abilities are
- There was a small but vocal rally against Sinophobia
 - o We have another planned for Welcome week, expecting a good turn out
- Setting up working groups for campaigns
 - o Food Bank Budget is set and want that up and running by mid semester 1.
 - o Infor session will be easy to set up
 - o There was some cross wires with USU over welfare/wellness week, might be a good idea to combine them regardless – VP to work with the USU on this
- Dealing with Welcome week preparations

Discussion:

Charlotte Bullock said that the SAP seemed to be a way to get groups to register with the USU

Secretary to council noted for the Exec that collectives are mentioned in the regulations but are not enshrined as OB positions are the heads of departments and collectives are tangential.

Charlotte Bullock noted that it's not yet clear how the student charter works what it really is.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Charlotte Bullock

Seconded: Felix Faber

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

Felix Faber and Charlotte Bullock gave a verbal report

- Charlotte Bullock was acting President while Liam Donohoe was at NUS President's Summit
- Charlotte Bullock attended the undergraduate studies committee
 - o Small concern there a new degree is opening for those failing to meet the requirement to pass the literacy and numeracy requirements to teach by their second last year. This seems like a cash grab and it's concerning that students are getting this far in their degree and still not meeting the requirements.
- Building networks with TAFE students to looking at collaboration projects and student solidarity.

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

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Liam Thomas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Liam Thomas gave a verbal report

- Attended the NUS President's Summit with Abbey Shi and Liam Donohoe. Found it interesting and helpful.
- Everything for Welcome Week has either arrived or on its way so we should be ready
- Abbey Shi has been working on the corona virus issues and helping students access information
 - o The university seems to be listening which as been good
 - o Negotiating for effected students to get 100% on their deposits and fees for the semester

Discussion:

Felix Faber asked of there were numbers on how many students have dropped out for semester 1?

Liam Thomas said he was not aware if there was any yet

Swapnik Sanagavarapu asked for an action point that Abbey Shi put together materials so that students know what is happening and asked if some pressure can be put onto the faculties to push back on management to make concessions for those affected.

Liam Thomas added to his report that the position of the SRC stall was really good as it is on eastern avenue and just outside the law lawns. However, the USU has had to move some things around and are looking to move us probably to the Janes Foss Russell (JFR) courtyard.

Liam Donohoe asked if the Exec thought that moving to JFR was something they should fight?

There was a consensus that is there are stalls on Gadigal lawns it could be ok if not it would be a terrible location for the SRC. And they need to keep an eye on this so the SRC doesn't overlooked.

Liam Donohoe thought the SRC should stand firm on where their stall is located and if moved should receive a discount on the cost. Adding that we should argue that the SRC is a good contributor to Welcome Week and it's atmosphere and as a student organisation can make a lot of noise.

Liam Thomas added that where the SRC have been placed is not affected and so shouldn't have to move.

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

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Charlotte Bullock

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

The Administration Manager had nothing to report.

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

The Casework and Policy Manager had nothing to report.

12. SRC Legal Service Report

The SRC Legal Service Board had nothing to report.

13. Approval of Payments

13.1. Invoices and requests

Education:	\$200	ASEN training weekend
Honi Soit:	\$100	Reporters training food and drinks
	\$120	Student Media O-Week Party
	\$81.70	Stickers
Queer:	\$300	Queer Thinking tickets for Collective members
	\$450	Tickets and T-shirts for Mardi Gras float

<https://www.seymourcentre.com/event/mg-queer-thinking/>
<https://events.humanitix.com.au/no-pride-in-detention-homos-against-scom>

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc except the \$450 for Mardi Gras until further clarification is provided and request that education talk to the environment officers to allocate the \$200 from their budget, but the request be approved in principle.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13.2 Reimbursements

Liam Thomas:	\$200	Travel Pres Summit
Chitra Narayanan:	\$213.21	Speakers for Welcome week prizes

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Felix Faber

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Education Officers

The Education officers provided a written report

O-week

Preparations for o-week have been ongoing since last report. We have since printed a host of materials including for the February 22 climate NDA and the March 13 strike. Countercourse is now done as well. Due to the renewed anti-Chinese racism in Australian media and politics, the EAG will be focusing on supporting and standing in solidarity with Chinese international students during o-week. Various other materials have been sourced so that they can be distributed during o-week.

Counter course

Counter course is finished. Both education officers were involved in the collation, editing and laying up of the final version, in liaison with the genssecs. A series of articles covering key aspects of the student experience and activism are included.

Climate protests and rallies

A request for funding for stickers for March 13 has been submitted to the exec. There have been a series of climate rallies that the education officers have attended, including on February 2. The blockade of Coal2020 that the EAG was planning to organise students to attend has been triumphantly cancelled due to the cancellation of the Coal2020 conference. A pair of EAG members were also organised to attend the February 4 climate demonstration at parliament in Canberra.

The EAG has also been involved with on-campus group 'spreading the climate strikes', who are planning a series of events for the upcoming semester. We will be supporting them with help advertising and organizing events and campaigns.

Social media outreach

Our social media page has been performing better than in the past, and we have been using it to a) promote EAG-sponsored events, b) inform followers of our activities, and c) publicise left-wing positions on key issues in politics and the news.

Invasion day

Both education officers attended the Invasion Day rally as part of the student contingent to the march. Jack was part of organising the Uni Students for Climate Justice contingent to the rally. We used the chance to promote upcoming events including Gweagal and the February 22 climate NDA.

CARR rally

Jack attended the CARR rally against Morrison's 'religious freedoms' bill.

Standing up to Anti-Chinese racism

The EAG has taken a strong stance against anti-Chinese racism on campus. We have republished statements regarding the government's racist response to the coronavirus, and are planning a poster run in the lead up to o-week to disseminate posters produced by the NUS Ethnocultural Department and NTEU to stand in solidarity with Chinese students. The EAG supported the SRC and NTEU's rally against the travel ban on Chinese nationals, and is supporting and co-organising the o-week action in solidarity with Chinese students.

Outreach

Jack has been attending UNSW o-week events in collaboration with the UNSW education officer and Uni Students for Climate Justice to build for the March 13 climate strike. Collaboration with city (and nation)-wide activists is a crucial part of our strategy to fulfil our role in combating government and campus-based attacks.

250 years of resistance gathering

Jazz and other EAG members have been involved with the planning and organising of this event, which will be a national convergence held in April to protest the circumnavigation of the Endeavour. The gathering draws on inspiration from a similar event held in 1988, which saw 30,000 people gather on the beaches in protest of the bicentenary celebrations. Meetings have been held with Bidjigal elders, who still live on one of the first ever missions created. Elders have expressed their wishes for university students to have a large role in the organisation of this event, including providing resources and organising capacity. Meetings will be held every Tuesday from now on, all are welcome.

EAG plans for fundraising, film screenings and student education campaigns are in the works.

14.2. Report of the Women's Officers

There was no report from the Women's Officers

There was no report from the women's officers but Liam Donohoe said they had been finishing growing strong and that there were going to be some O-Week stunts run by the collective and that the collective had been quite active.

Discussion:

Liam Donohoe expressed disappointment in the work and output of office bearers so far this year clarifying that his comments were not directed at an one office in particular. The SRC needs to have more preparation happening so we are ready to launch strong campaigns as they arise. Adding that there are a number of issue happening right now and there has been little up take on many of these events.

The Secretary to council reminded the exec that Office Bearers should not be doing any one on one advice but referring those cases on to casework.

Swapnik Sanagavarapu noted that officers' campaigns need to be coordinated and centralised.

Liam Thomas expressed disappointment in the seeming lack of initiative.

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

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Felix Faber

The motion was put and **CARRIED**

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Julia Robins:	TIL, 14/01/20, 1 day, 5 hours
Laura Kitsos:	Annual, 31/01/20, 1 day, 7 hours
Lorna Pringle:	Annual, 30/01/20 and 03/02/20, 2 days 14 hours
Melissa de Silva:	TIL, 13/02/20 – 14/02/20, 2 days, 14 hours
Sharon Maher:	TIL, 26/03/20 – 27/03/20, 2 days 14 hours
	TIL, 11/02/20, 1 day, 7 hours
	Annual, 02/04/20 – 03/04/20, 2 days 14 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved from the chair

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting was declared closed at 1:15pm