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MINUTES:

of the 8th regular meeting of the 91st SRC held on Wednesday 4th September 2019. Meeting held in the New Law Lecture Theatre 104, New Law School.

There was a quorum count at 6:34pm.

The meeting was inquorate.

There was a request to wait for 30 minutes

Moved: James Ardouin

Seconded: Josie Jackovac

Liam Donohoe requested a quorum count at 6:40pm.

The meeting was still inquorate.

There was a call for a quorum count at 6:50pm

The meeting was found quorate.

A. Meeting open at 6:51 pm

A1. Election of Deputy Chairperson

The Chair moved that Dane Luo 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

Jayesh Joshi to Liam Thomas

Abbey Shi to Clement Decheng Sun

Hartley Dhyon to Eamon Marlow

Yihi Li to Peiqing (Patrick) Fan
Guipeng Jiao to Yilun Ma
Juming Li to Xuyuan Li
Ellie Sephenson to Paola Ayre (arrived at 6:40)
Shangyue Mu to Yuxuan Yang
Ella Finlay late (arrived 6:28)
Nick Forbutt to James Newbold
(should Nick Forbutt's Resignation be accepted Felix Faber also proxies to James Newbold)
Layla Mkhayber to Vivuene Guo
Lily Campbell to Vinil Kumar (arriving late) arrived at 6:48

Motion to accept the apologies and proxies
Moved: Julia Kockik
Seconded: Dane Luo
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

D. Changes to Membership

E. Electoral Report

E1. Consideration of any resignations

Resignation of Nicholas Forbutt to Felix Faber

Motion: That the Council accept the resignation.
Moved: James Newbold
Seconded: James Ardouin
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Resignation and appointment on a new Honi editor.
The Editors request that the Council accept the resignation of Karishma Luthria and appoint Amelia Mertha as the new editor.
Separately attached are the signatures of the current Honi Editors.

Motion: That the Council accept the resignation and appointment.
Moved: Liam Thorne
Seconded: Shani Patel
The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

F. Minutes of the previous Council meeting.

Minutes of the meeting of 91st SRC Council held on 4th and 7th regular meetings, the 2nd and 3rd Special meeting of the 91st SRC held on May 8th and 28th, July 17th and 7th August 2019 were circulated.

Motion: that the minutes of the 4th and 7th regular meetings, the 2nd and 3rd Special meeting of the 91st SRC held on May 8th and 28th, July 17th and 7th August 2019 be accepted on bloc.

Moved: James Ardouin
Seconded: Gabi Stricker-Phelps
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.

Liam asked about the Textbook Subsidy Program and how the budget was going to reflect that.

Dane clarified that \$100,000 was given by the University for the program and while the remaining \$60,000 would be spent next year it would be considered spent as a part of this year's budget.

Procedural motion to move to R2. The Sydney University SRC calls on students to strike for climate justice on September 20

Moved: Chloe Rafferty

Seconded: Vinil Kumar

The movers requested discussion on the procedural.

Holly Hayne spoke to the procedural saying that the Council should care about the environment. The climate strike is a global strike and even the University has voted in support of the strike, as there won't be another meeting before the strike will happen we want this put to the Council as early as possible.

Vinil Kumar spoke to the procedural saying that the Council was too preoccupied with bureaucratic elements of these meetings and that this was an important motion that should be treated with the same level of importance, and that reports and minutes being put ahead of this is concerning.

Paul Bova spoke to the procedural saying that this campaign was started by school children and has only been growing and that it was important the SRC support the campaign and this procedural as it was an important motion.

Sophie Haslam spoke to the procedural saying no one sitting on her side of the room cared about the bureaucratic parts of the meeting and what people cared about and are being mobilised by are event and issues like the climate strike. She added that everyone cares about climate change and it was important that the SRC take up the motion as it in one the most pressing political issue we need to deal with and it is motions like these that make student organisations relevant.

Gina Elias spoke to the procedural saying that she thought that people who didn't want to support this motion didn't want to do so because its demands were in conflict with the major political parties of Australia, but that the SRC is a leading student union and should be taking up

this issue as students have already taken it up and that voting this procedural motion would be a bad thing as everyone is in support of this event.

Prudence Wilkins-Wheat spoke in favour of the procedural and echoing the sentiments of the previous speakers saying that the procedural and the motion should be an uncontentious issue and as the event is happening very soon the Council should deal with the motion first.

Grace Bowskill spoke to the procedural saying it was imperative that the SRC support this procedural. She referred to the QLD government ripping up native title to allow mining, bringing back anti-protest laws emblematic of the Bjelke-Peterson government, and said that there are a number of struggles occurring in society with relation to climate justice and the Council should be supporting them. She concluded saying she didn't know why or how someone would not support this motion.

Ken Kap spoke to the procedural motion saying that the Council had just completed the acknowledgement of country and if the Council didn't want that to be tokenistic they should move this motion which affects and is concerned with Indigenous rights.

Josie Jackovak clarified that we were debating a procedural not the substantive motion, while she supported the substantive motion she did not support the procedural and proposed a foreshadowing procedural.

Foreshadowing procedural that R2 be moved to P Special Business.

Moved: Josie Jackovak

Seconded: James Ardouin

Gabi Stricker-Phelps spoke against the procedural saying she believed the substantive motion was important and she looked forward to discussing it and the other motions on the agenda but as the last few Council meeting have been disrupted she would preferer the Council follow the agenda and as a paid officer she would like to report on her work including on a rally that is happening sooner than the climate strike. She concluded saying that there was so much hatred in the Council and she would like to see the Council working together more of the last three months of their term and that the agenda be followed tonight, as such she would be voting against the procedural.

James Newbold spoke to the procedural saying that as an organisation affiliated with NUS, who conducted a survey that found that climate change was the most important issue to students, this should be first on our agenda adding that the was saying this as a paid Officer who also had a back log of reports to get through.

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

As the procedural **CARRIED** the foreshadowing motion **LAPSES**.

R2. The Sydney University SRC calls on students to strike for climate justice on September 20

Preamble:

The University of Sydney SRC supports the call from the global high school student climate strike movement for a worldwide day of action on September 20.

The call says: “Last year’s UN intergovernmental panel on climate change’s special report was clear about the unprecedented dangers of going beyond 1.5C of global heating. Emissions must drop rapidly – so that by the time we are in our mid- and late-20s we are living in a completely transformed world. But to change everything, we need everyone. We [will] work to ensure the widest possible stoppage of work and study to attend demonstrations on this day.”

Drastically cutting emissions will require a transition that includes but also goes far beyond, rebuilding the electricity system for 100% renewable energy by 2030 under public ownership. The government must fund a “just transition” that includes the creation of hundreds of thousands of jobs right across society.

Workers in fossil fuel industries and their communities are facing insecure work and an uncertain future – there must be a job guarantee from the government for these workers as the economy decarbonises.

We stand with Indigenous people in struggles to protect their lands and waters from planned expansion of the fossil fuel industry. We demand all necessary rights and resources are provided for Indigenous people to live and work on their land and help it to heal.

We stand against the vested corporate and political interests placing profits above the future of the planet – they must pay for the climate action we urgently need. We oppose the bipartisan support for the expansion of fossil fuel industries.

Platform:

The SRC supports the demands of the global climate strike including:

- 100% publicly owned renewable energy by 2030
- A just transition to climate jobs
- No new sources of fossil fuels - Stop Adani!
- No nuclear energy

Action:

- We call on all University of Sydney students to skip class on September 20 to strike for climate justice
- We demand that the University allows all students and staff to participate in the global strike. No student should be penalised for fighting for the future of the planet, all staff both casual and permanent should be fully paid for the strike day
- We call on the University to cease and desist its harassment of environmental activists and community stalls. Students have the democratic right to petition and stall on campus without the intervention of security. This is a fundamental principle of free speech and political expression.
- We demand the University of Sydney immediately divest from fossil fuels
- Honi Soit to advertise the climate strike on the back cover of the issues leading up to September 20
- Honi Soit to devote an issue before September 20 to the climate strike
- SRC will provide funding for 10,000 leaflets & 500 posters

Discussion:

Holly Hayne spoke to the motion saying that the situation of the climate is worse than what we see in the mainstream media and that as a society we have about 11 years before there is irreversible climate damage. Adding that there is already an increase in storms and natural disasters, and that fewer and fewer places are going to be habitable over time. Continuing saying that while the science is being ignored by governments, and governments are aiding those making things worse – with the development of new mines such as Adani – people are fighting this. Many have been bankrupted and as mentioned earlier in the meeting the NUS survey found that climate change is the most important issues for students. Concluding that those who are striking now are going to be the University student body next year and that this is the issue of our lifetime, the consequences are going to be catastrophic, if you are against this motion you are a science denier.

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motion saying that it was started by school student Greta Thunberg to fight against government inaction on climate change. He encouraged everyone to attend the strike unless they only support in power of coal mines.

Liam Donohoe spoke to the motion saying that the vast majority of people in the room were young and the consequences of climate change are going to be faced by them, and the next generations. Adding that while you can choose not to believe the science, reality is unavoidable. The USU and the University have both already committed to supporting these strikes, and the SRC has not. Continuing he noted that those who are confused about the need or value of striking and that other forms of change such as lobbying had failed while striking makes people listen. Adding that the Council needs to strike to get people to listen and realise the risks of not acting, and that the University has the capacity to research and invest in alternative renewable energy and we should be demanding them to do so and force the University to change. Concluding that strikes undermine the bottom line of companies and power care about profitability, and that when you affect their profit margins they listen.

Prudence Wilkins-Wheat spoke to the motion saying that this was also a race and class issue, as it is going to affect people, particularly indigenous and poor people while the rich will be able to protect themselves from the worst consequences. Continuing saying that Pacific Islanders are already facing the consequences of rising sea levels with the destructions of burial grounds. Striking is meant to annoy and cause disruption, the University of Sydney currently invests in the fossil fuel industry and it needs student to say no to stop that. Concluding saying that the Council should be thinking about the issues students care about and that is climate change.

Zac O'Farrell spoke against the motion citing a number of issues he had with it, one being the disregard for nuclear energy as an alternative to fossil fuels and that nuclear is the best option to replace coal to reach base energy needs, and that in the US 60% of non-coal energy comes from nuclear power and that if you didn't support nuclear power you were just grandstanding.

James Ardouin asked if Zac O-Farrell knows how long they would take to build and that action was needed now.

Zac O'Farrell responded saying he knew it took a long time but that it was necessary reach energy needs.

Eamon Marlow echoed Zac O'Farrell saying that nuclear power was the best carbon free economically viable alternative to fossil fuels for Australia.

Sophie Haslam spoke to the motion saying she was glad the Council was discussing this now and that she believed the focus should be on who is to blame and that is people like Prime Minister Scott Morrison who held up a chunk of coal in parliament. Adding that the problem isn't those who don't use keep cups or recyclable bags but those who are in power who tare up native title to allow new coal mines. She commended the motion to Council.

James Ardouin spoke to the motion saying that he believed waiting for government action on this issue is bringing climate demise closer and that they only way to create change was through protests and that the demand for 100% renewable energy was more than achievable through solar batteries and panels on houses. He commended the motion to Council.

Chloe Rafferty spoke to the motion saying that what was not feasible was is solving the climate crisis under capitalism. Adding that while the science is undeniable the Liberal party is unable to call a square a square when profit is so important to them. Adding that the SRC shouldn't just strike but build and encourage others to join. She added that suggesting that nuclear was at all a viable option was disgusting and racist and that the only reason any government would suggest it is if they also wanted to become a nuclear power building weapons, and the SRC needs to stand against militarism and nationalism.

Grace Bowskill spoke to the motion noting that while people seemed unsure about the relationship between racism and nuclear power they needed to remember that if there was a nuclear industry it would be Indigenous people who would get sick and die from the dumping of nuclear waste as it is unlikely there will be a nuclear plant anywhere those suggesting it would live.

Vinil Kumar spoke to the motion saying while he normally wouldn't plug a corporation those who are suggesting nuclear as a viable option should be able to afford a Foxtel now subscription and watch Chernobyl to see the consequences of when nuclear energy goes wrong. Adding that the same thing happened again at Fukishima and it was the poor, the working classes and minorities that suffered and pay the price for the clean-up.

Josie Jackovak thanked the movers for raising the motion but asked that the Council stop talking about the current government and start talking about how this motion impact students. She cited issues with the motions actions point noting that the last point on printing allowances seems excessive and counter to the motions intent adding that she would love to see that number drop. She all so added that she was disappointed in the lack of tolerance to others views in the Council and noted that in action point one "we call on..." she didn't think we should be forcing students to do things and suggested it be amended to "encourage".

The change was not amenable to the movers and Josie Jackovak withdrew her amendment.

Gabi Stricker-Phelps spoke to the motion and added that she would like to encourage students to look for climate solutions in their studies and the leaders of the future.

James Newbold spoke to the motion and reiterated the comments made in response to Zac O'Farrell's recommendation of nuclear energy saying that historically it is the global south that has suffered the impact of nuclear energy and that when you dump nuclear waste in Australia you are dumping it on unceded Aboriginal land. Concluding that issues like leaflets and how you interpret call on are not reasons to not support this motion.

Ken Kap wished to speak on the issue of nuclear energy noting that Tony Abbott might be a supporter of nuclear energy, but he is also a supporter of coal and that the idea of renewable energy not being able to cope with a base load was a fallacy that has been dismissed. Adding that Scotland has doubled their energy production with wind turbines alone. Concluding with the profit motive that prop up fossil fuels and that the global ruling class is deeply embedded in fossil fuels and that Fukushima could have been worse and it was cost cutting and profit driving that least to the unsafe conditions that ultimately cost hundreds of thousands their homes.

Decheng Sun spoke to the motions saying many international students may find it intimidating to speak at these meetings and that as a Chinese student he wanted to note that China is always improving its renewable energy and now produces that same amount of energy Australia uses in a year from renewables alone. He encouraged other international student representatives to vote in favour of the motion.

Lily Campbell spoke to her motion saying that it was interesting how many members of the Liberal party were supporting the strike as it was not a common occurrence noting that in the past they have voted against strike action because it would be too disruptive. Adding that this speaks to the effectiveness of this campaign and that the movement has grown so much and will keep growing, corporations are starting to listen and UTS and USYD will not punish staff or students for joining the strike and things need to be pushed further.

Moved: Holly Hayne

Seconded: Deaglan Godwin

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

The following requested their votes be noted:

Against

Zac O'Farrell

Eamon Marlow

Procedural motion to move straight to R1. Stop the deportation of the Tamil refugee family from Biloela

Moved: Vinil Kumar

Seconded: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

R1. Stop the deportation of the Tamil refugee family from Biloela

Preamble

The Australian government is in the process of deporting a Tamil refugee family from Biloela, Queensland. Priya, Nades and their two young daughters Kopika (aged 4) and Tharunicaa (aged 2) were removed from Biloela in March 2018 where they had lived for 5 years. Since, then the family has been held in a Melbourne detention centre and last week, were separated and then put on a plane to be deported to Sri Lanka. A temporary injunction forced their plane to land on Christmas Island where they are now being held. A further injunction has delayed their deportation until Friday the 6th of September at least, pending further legal and ministerial appeals.

Tamils are a persecuted minority in Sri Lanka. In 2009, the Sri Lankan government expelled UN observers and journalists and carried out a genocide that saw the deaths of tens of thousands of Tamil civilians. Tamil refugees who have fled and are returned face the prospect of arrest, persecution, torture and death.

Despite the urging of human rights organisations, Scott Morrison and Peter Dutton have pushed ahead with deporting this family to danger. The community of Biloela has been campaigning for 18 months to keep the family in Australia and almost 250,000 people have signed a change.org petition calling for them to be allowed to stay.

This motion calls on the Australian government to stop the deportation of Priya, Nades, Kopika and Tharunicaa and to return them to their community in Biloela.

Platform

1. The Sydney University SRC opposes racism in all its forms.
2. The Sydney University SRC supports the right of refugees to seek asylum in Australia and be safe from persecution.
3. The Sydney University SRC opposes refugees seeking asylum from being punished, imprisoned or deported.

Action

1. The Sydney University SRC calls on the Australian government to immediately halt the deportation of Priya, Nades, Kopika and Tharunicaa. We call on the government to return the family to their community of Biloela and to grant them permanent residency so they can continue to live in the community.
2. The Sydney University SRC will publish this motion on its Facebook page.
3. The Sydney University SRC president will write to Scott Morrison, Peter Dutton and David Coleman informing them of the SRC's opposition to this deportation and conveying the content of this motion.
4. The Sydney University SRC will support and promote refugee rights demonstrations in Sydney, including the upcoming "Rally: Human Rights for Refugees" at 1PM on Saturday the 14th of September at Sydney Town Hall. The facebook event for this rally (<https://www.facebook.com/events/439260946682566/>) will be shared on the SRC's Facebook page.

Discussion:

Ken Kap spoke to the motion citing the persecution of Tamils in Sri Lanka and that they thought it was cruel and wrong to suggested that there is no ongoing legacy from the genocide of Tamils today. Adding that the Australian government knew better than to suggest otherwise noting that there was a motion with the United Nations that if passed would condemn the Sri Lankan government for its treatment of Tamils and human rights activists. Ken Kap concluded by saying that only 2 days ago Peter Dutton (Minister for Home Affairs) intervened to stop the deportation of another European au pair, calling it an act of hypocrisy, he called on everyone to support the motion.

Marinella Rose spoke to the motion saying that the campaign to protect this family has been going on for a while. Adding that the Australian immigration system is a disgrace, protecting a European au pair while the broke their visa conditions but deporting a Tamil family who are members of their community, is disgusting. Mariella continued saying that Pryia has had her wrist broken and was covered in bruises by the time she arrived at Christmas Island and separated from her children. She called on the SRC to support the motion as it has been community support that has prevented their deportation so far, and the SRC has a history of supporting human rights and refugees and should continue to do so.

Vinil Kumar spoke to the motion saying that in this country the treatment of refugees is appalling. Adding that Gabi Stricker-Phelps and Josie Jackovak should be ashamed that they put reports and the agenda ahead of protecting this family. Vinil Kumar requested that the vote be recorded.

Swapnik Sanagavarapu Spoke to the motion noting that it was the deportation of this family that highlighted the hypocrisy in the rhetoric of the right wing on refugees and integration. Saying that this family was by even conservative views, a model family, and that to claim to believe in human equality and then this family should be deported to a country where they will face persecution and possibly death. Adding that while he often jokes at Council this was a serious issue and he hoped those in the right wing would have the basic human decency that they would stop this family facing disappearance or death.

Deaglan Godwin spoke to the motion asking the Council if they were on the side of this family living safe and happy lives or did they want to send children and their parents to a country where they will be persecuted by a government that has been internationally condemned for the actions, genocide and persecution. Asking if the Council would stand up and say they won't tolerate torture and abuse of children. Adding that even Barnaby Joyce thinks it wrong and that if you don't support this motion you are more to the right than Barnaby Joyce.

Shawn (????) spoke to the motion saying that this motion is a fight against the policies of both major parties who are event at their best are despicable and racist. Furthermore, adding that they did not expect that those on the other dies of the room to support their stance but would be surprised however if they would oppose this motion considering the family has the support of Barnaby Joyce and Alan Jones. Adding that this motion also connects to the previous motion in that there is a growing prospect of climate refugees.

Liam Donohoe spoke to the motion recalling a sketch show where are group of Nazi's look around and ask themselves "are we the bad guys?" He asked the Council to look at themselves and ask if they are the baddies, saying if you vote against this motion, you are.

Himath Srinivasa spoke to the motion saying that most of what he wanted to say has already been said however he wanted to add that his family is from Sri Lanka and so wanted to speak about the Sri Lankan government and its history. He talked about how the government that was responsible for the genocide of the Tamil people are likely to return and that those who wanted to know more about the history could look up information on the killing fields. Adding that in that time there was disappearances, murders of children and as a result his family cannot go back as it's simply not safe.

There was a request the vote be recorded.

Moved: Ken Kap

Seconded: Marinella Rose

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Affirmative:

Gabi Stricker-Phelps

James Arduain

Amy Brook Newland

Dane Lu

Liam Thomas

James Newbold

Daniel Hu

Dencheng Sun

Himath Srinivasa

Liam Thorne

Vivienne Guo

Paola Ayre

Shani Patel

Prudence WW

Ella Finlay

Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Lily Campbell

Kelli Zhao

Abstentions:

Josie Jackovak

Zac O'Farrell

Eamon Marlow

Procedural motion to move to Q9. USYD SRC stands against anti-Semitism

Moved: Vinil Kumar

Seconded: Swapnick Sara ...

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

Q9. USYD SRC stands against anti-Semitism

Preamble

Violent racism is back in a real and dangerous way. Across the world, political parties and figures who espouse anti-Semitic and Islamophobic ideas are returning to the mainstream. In recent European elections far right and fascist parties won majorities in Britain, Italy and France, and polled strongly almost everywhere. Within the mainstream right there has been a growing adoption of ideas and policies that are drawn from the far right, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia. Meanwhile figures like Trump and Putin continuously invoke anti-Semitic imagery and tropes - alongside broader anti-immigrant and anti-black rhetoric - which has had a big impact.

Recently attacks on the Pittsburgh Synagogue and the Christchurch Mosque reflect the terrifying potential for this racist far right to turn ideas into action, attempting to massacre vulnerable communities in their places of worship.

Here in Sydney back in 2016, the Muslim prayer space was trashed on campus multiple times, a deliberate attempt to intimidate the Muslim student body. Also that year, a mentally ill man revealed under police questioning that he was planning to come to Sydney University with the intention of killing Jews in 'revenge' for Israel's occupation of Palestine. This conflation of Jewish people with the Apartheid state of Israel is not something that we should accept or tolerate, just as we would not accept attempts to conflate Muslims the world over with the reactionary regimes in Saudi Arabia or Iran. It is a form of racial prejudice that must be stamped out in all our communities, and especially here on campus.

Platform

1. This SRC condemns all forms of racism, including anti-Semitism and Islamophobia.
2. This SRC believes that conflating Jews the world over with the state of Israel or its policies is wrong and inherently anti-Semitic.

Action

1. The SRC will support and mobilise for anti-racist and anti-fascist actions whenever they take place.

Discussion:

Lily Campbell spoke to her motion saying that there was a rise in anti-Semitism seen in the attack on the Synagogue in Pittsburgh and that many of these actions are similar to those seen in the lead up to WWII. She added that there has also been a rise in attacks on mosques and women. Concluding with it is important to stand up against the far right.

Chloe Rafferty spoke to the motion saying that it's not just Eastern Europe with conservative parties who are in parliament but also in Australia with Jewish representative bodies noting a rise in anti-Semitic attack and swastikas present. Adding that anti-Semitic rhetoric was not only in the most extreme right wing but also in mainstream parties such as the Republican Party in the United States and other parties around the world. Concluding with the conflation of anti-Semitism and support for Palestine was anti-Semitic as is conflated the state of Israel with Jewish people.

Swapnik Sanagavarapu spoke to the motion that there is a connection anti-Semitism with

other forms of racism such as the idea that George Soros is trying to bring in immigrants, adding that it was Joseph Goebbels who wanted to conflate Judaism with communism and socialism. Continuing he said that in Ukraine there has been a steady rise in Nazi groups and before he passed Republican Senator John McCain went to support these people who had pictures of those who committed genocide on the walls. Adding that the point of standing against anti-Semitism is to fight against fascism and white supremacy and it would be strange if people tried to shirk that responsibility.

Gabi Stricker-Phelps spoke in favour of the motion and note its similarity to her motion at Q11. Quoting from Q11 she said “The latest report of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry recorded a 59% rise in anti-Semitic incidents in the last year. A few weeks ago, close to home, convicted terrorist Ihsas Khan revealed he had plans to kill Jewish students wearing kippahs at the University of Sydney”. Adding that she was not sure of some of the connotations in the motion and thought that more needed to be done than what the action point laid out adding that the international definition of anti-Semitism should be included. She concluded saying she sat on the safer communities committee at the University and they were looking into how to make the University campuses safer and call on the Council for suggestions to take back to the committee.

Josie Jackovak said she supported the sentiment of the motion and was glad the Council was having this discussion.

Julia Kopic spoke to the motion thanking the movers for putting it forward and wanted to add that it was not just the right that had anti-Semitism but that there was anti-Semitism on the left cloaked as anti-Zionism and that everyone should be acutely aware of anti-Semitic statements and root it out wherever they are found.

Jack Mansel spoke to the motion saying that there was a big difference between the actions of the Israeli government and Jewish people, and that there is a long history of anti-Zionism in the Jewish community and that a number of Jewish organisations do not agree with the formation of Israel. He wanted to note that he was against racism in all its forms and anti-Semitism is coming from the right wing, adding that Jewish organisation Never Again was currently organising blockades of the United States ICE detention camps at the border.

Swapnik Sanagavarapu Spoke to the motion saying that Jack Mansel had raised a really important point with regards Jewish anti-Zionism and that many Jewish anti-Zionists thought the roots of anti-Semitism could be fought wherever home was in the Jewish diaspora, and that there is a number of organisations and academics around the world who have stood up for the people of Palestine and their rights as well as stood against anti-Semitism.

James Newbold spoke to the motion saying it was insidious the way anti-Semitism can infiltrate and that it needed to be stamped out wherever it was found, on the right and the left, however it is the anti-Semitism in the right that has made it into the mainstream.

Moved: Lily Campbell

Seconded: Lara Sonnenschein

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Procedural motion to move straight to Q11

Moved: Gabi Stricker-Phelps

seconded: James Arduain

the procedural was put and **FAILED**.

Foreshadowing procedural to move to R general business for a motion from the floor

Moved: Prudence WW

Seconded: Vinil Kumar

The procedural was put and **CARRIED**.

R.3 Motion from the floor

Motion to support the Decriminalisation of Abortion

It is news to absolutely no one that the NSW parliament has been debating important abortion law reforms. New South Wales is the currently the last state that still criminalises abortion, though it remains in the criminal code in South Australia and Western Australia in some form. Though this does not necessarily mean that people do not have access to terminations, the current laws still make abortion incredibly difficult and inaccessible.

The current law only allows doctors to conduct abortions if they believe the pregnancy is a risk to the pregnant person's physical or mental health, and a common law precedent set in 1971 means social and economic factors may also be taken into consideration. This means that some people needing to access abortions still may be at risk. In the past 25 years, a dozen people have been prosecuted under the NSW Crimes Act for abortion offences. Four of those were found guilty and sentenced. The most recent case was in 2017, when a mother of five was prosecuted for self-administering a drug to cause a miscarriage.

Based on legislation passed in Queensland last year, the reproductive healthcare reform bill 2019 removes abortion from the state's 119-year-old Crimes Act.

Co-sponsored by 15 MPs from across the political divide, the original bill created a standalone healthcare act to regulate the procedure. It allows for terminations up to 22 weeks, and after that with the approval of two doctors.

All people seeking abortions, as well as their doctors, remain vulnerable to prosecution for unlawful abortion, and removing it from criminal law will provide certainty to patients and doctors about their rights to access these health services. Abortion access remains under attack, for instance through the dangerous 'foetal personhood' bill ("Zoe's Law") that came close to passing parliament in 2013. Abortion must be unambiguously legal and free to all in NSW.

The Australian public is strongly pro-choice. In a 2018 survey of NSW residents, 73% supported full decriminalisation of abortion. A 2015 poll, also conducted in NSW, indicated that 87% believe a woman should be able to have an abortion, with only 6% opposing abortion in all circumstances.

The University of Sydney SRC should take a public stance in supporting the decriminalisation of abortion for all. You cannot stop abortions. You can only stop safe abortion.

Platform

1. The University of Sydney SRC supports the decriminalisation of abortion.
2. The University of Sydney SRC stands with all survivors and those who need access to reproductive services, including pregnancy terminations,
3. The University of Sydney SRC recognises its responsibility to stand and fight with feminist activists who advocate for reproductive rights.
4. The University of Sydney SRC acknowledges that reproductive rights and the fight for abortion rights are not a religious debate, they are medical necessities.
5. The University of Sydney SRC recognizes the importance of publicly confronting governments, institutions, groups and individuals trying to legitimise misogynistic viewpoints that undermine the bodily autonomy of women and GNC people who require access to abortions under the guise of “pro life activism”.

Action

1. Upon the passing of this motion, the Council will take a solidarity photo to express its support for the decriminalisation of abortion.
2. The SRC president will post the photo, along with the text of this motion onto the SRC Facebook page.
3. The USyd SRC will publicly support the work of the University of Sydney Wom*n’s Collective in standing for abortion rights for all.

Discussion:

Prudence Wilkins-Wheat spoke to her motion saying it was being moved on behalf of the Women’s Collective and the work they have been doing on this issue. She continued saying NSW is one of the last states where abortion is still a crime, not that there aren’t hurdles in other states too. Adding that this is a women’s health care issue. Prudence quoted from the motion “In the past 25 years, a dozen people have been prosecuted under the NSW Crimes Act for abortion offences. Four of those were found guilty and sentenced. The most recent case was in 2017, when a mother of five was prosecuted for self-administering a drug to cause a miscarriage.” This is a patriarchal issue, women need to have bodily autonomy, and this is a class issue, it should be taken into account that when abortion is illegal it doesn’t stop abortions only safe ones and only rich women are able to access abortion safely. She concluded saying she didn’t want to hear any religious justifications because the State and religions should be separate for many reasons and your personal beliefs should not affect women’s healthcare outcomes or bodily autonomy.

Ellie Wilson spoke to the motion saying there is always going to be abortion making it illegal just stopped just safe abortion, and those in opposition to this motion shouldn’t say this is about caring about children when they don’t care about Indigenous children or refugee children.

James Ardouin spoke in favour of the motion saying that he has spoken and written about this before and he thinks it is disgusting that in 2019 women don’t have access to abortion and

furthermore that that abortion should be free, safe, and legal, particularly with a focus on regional and low SES communities who do not have the same access to health care as others, so it should be covered by Medicare.

Sophie Haslam spoke in favour of the motion saying that when people say they are shocked it still illegal well it's still illegal because of the right wing and when you elect far right governments you get a roll back on the rights of minorities, adding that the Labor party is also to blame with Julia Gillard cutting single mother support on the same day as the misogyny speech. Concluding that protests and attacking the liberal party is how change is going to happen here that Barnaby Joyce spoke at a far-right rally under the guise of the protection of children and that that false rhetoric should be fought at every corner.

Zac O'Farrell spoke against the motion saying that he has made his view on the issues in motions in the past and they are both religious and secular. Adding he would like now to speak about the motion that has passed the NSW legislative assembly and his disappointment in that bill in its current form, saying he felt it was rushed and while he agrees that abortion should be taken out of the crimes act some of the amendments to the bill that were not adopted were around informed consent. Zac continued saying that there is no requirement for a lady to receive one on one counselling or for the doctor to ensure she is not being coerced, and he does not believe that an abusive partner should be able to be present when a making a decision about abortion. Adding that another amendment was to prevent sex selection abortion to prevent unwanted girl from being aborted and another amendment he wanted to mention was one that ensure that is an abortion failed and resulted in a live birth that the same about of care would be given to the infant as if it was a wanted birth at the same stage/condition. Zac also said he wanted it noted that the doctor is forced to, directly or indirectly procure an abortion for 'a lady' even if the doctor has a personal moral objection to the procedure.

Procedural motion to go straight to a vote

Moved: Prudence Wilkins-Wheat

Seconded: Vinil Kumar

the procedural was put and **FAILED**.

There was a call for a recount.

Procedural motion to move strait to a vote

Moved: Prudence Wilkins-Wheat

Seconded: Vinil Kumar

The procedural was put again and **FAILED**.

Zac O'Farrell resumed speaking. Concluding with that he was not against abortion as a whole but is concerned with the amendments that have so far been rejected by the NSW parliament.

Procedural motion to limit the speaking time to 2 minutes

Moved: Vinil Kumar

Seconded: Lily Campbell

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

The speaking time was set to two minutes.

Mikaela Pappou spoke in favour of the motion saying that she thought it was disgusting that the right are trying to correlate being religious as being inherently anti-choice and that those who consider themselves prolife but don't care about the lives of women's or children, they're just anti-choice. Adding that Zac O'Farrell spoke about one of the amendment in relation to gender selection but failed to mention that the two statistics mentioned during the discussion of that amendment were from China and India and there is no evidence that women are having abortions based on gender.

Procedural motion that Josie Jackovak be heard

Moved: Vinil Kumar

The chair ruled the procedural motion invalid saying that calling for a speaker to be heard could not compel someone to speak if they did not want to.

Vinil Kumar moved to dissent from the Chair.

Vinil Kumar began to speak to his dissent saying students should hear what their representatives think on these issues.

Procedural motion that the question not be put

Moved: Gabi Stricker-Phelps

Seconded: Dane Luo

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to debate on the substantive motion.

Gina Elias spoke in favour of the motion and directly responded to the comments of Zac O'Farrell saying that speaking about how 'a lady' needs all this advice and help, when what women really need is to have control over their own bodies. She added that he was a 'misogynistic bootlicker for the right' and that the real criminals were those like him. Concluding that he doesn't care about women, children or families but about demonising women.

Gabi Stricker-Phelps spoke in favour of the motion and asked that the SRC also endorse and advertise the pro-choice rally Trust Women, Support The Bill happening on the 14th of September. Adding that this motion has nothing to do with any of the amendment to the bill in NSW parliament Zac O'Farrell raised and concluded commending the motion.

Liam Donohoe spoke in favour of the motion noting that while he will not have to deal with this question in his life, the moral question of abortion is clear cut. He then directed his comment to those who believe it is an immoral choice saying that murder is wrong because you deprive someone of a future they have the capacity to conceive of and desire, fetuses cannot imagine a future. Adding that those who believe in a soul from conception should probably just not have an abortion if faced with that decision as it is a personal decision, but their

beliefs should not affect public health policy, and that public health policy would not affect their chances of getting into heaven if it goes against your personal beliefs. Liam Donohoe concluded saying abortion was not morally wrong and that if thought that he recommended you take the practical ethics course at the University of Sydney to learn more.

Lara Glase spoke against the motion saying that she was speaking not only for herself but for other women in the prolife movement who feel like their voices and opinions have been shut down. Adding that she disliked how feminism was being used to attack women in the same way society has attacked women for centuries. She refuted Liam Donohoe's argument that if you don't like abortion don't have one saying that it correlated to slavery in that 'if you don't like it don't own a slave', that just because you think something is right doesn't mean everyone should be able to do it.

Amy Newland spoke in favour of the motion saying that she wished to echo the statements that this is about autonomy. Adding there were a wide range of women's health issues that are ignored because we live in a patriarchal society, and that it was not anyone else's business what a woman does with her body but that woman's, concluding with a refute to the education and consent argument by saying that a woman knows more about her own body than anyone else.

Ellie Stephenson spoke to the motion saying that rhetoric from those opposed to the motion is inconsistent, saying it's been 11 years Elijah Doughty, and 20 years since three Indigenous children were killed in Bowraville, and no one has been charged with murder, yet those who oppose this motion don't seem to care about that at all. Ellie continued saying that those in opposition to the motion have lied and the idea that someone would knowingly wait 20 weeks before having an abortion on a whim is absurd as would be forcing vulnerable people to listen to Christian rhetoric. Concluding that we cannot compel women to have something in their bodies, if this was anything else it would be considered crazy.

Moved: Prudence Wilkins-Wheat

Seconded: Ellie Wilson

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The following wanted their votes recorded:

For:

Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Ellie Stephenson

Ella Finlay

Prudence WW

Kelli Zhou

Shani Patel

Paola Ayre

Vivienne Gao

Himath Siriniwasa

Lily Campbell

James Newbold

Liam Thomas
Amy Newland
Gabi Stricker-Phelps
Crystal Zhu
James Ardouin

Against:
Zac O'Farrell
Eamon Marlow

The meeting adjourned for 15 minutes at 10:05pm in accordance with the regulations.

A quorum count was called at 10:21pm.
The meeting was found inquorate.
There was a request to wait 10 minutes.

There was a quorum count at 10:31
The meeting was found inquorate.
There was a request to wait for 15 minutes.

There was a request for a quorum count at 10:43pm.
The meeting was found quorate at 10:43pm.

The meeting resumed at 10:43pm.

Procedural motion to move to Q.13 SRC stands with peaceful student protest and strikes in Hong Kong.

Moved: Decheng Sun
Seconded: Vinil Kumar
The mover spoke to the procedural.

Decheng Sun said it was an important night and an important motion and asked for people to vote for the procedural so that it could be debated.

The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

Q.13 SRC stands with peaceful student protest and strikes in Hong Kong.

SRC condemns the violence used by the police force against freedom of speech.
It is inappropriate to use excessive force against students with had no arm.

Hence, SRC will seek solidarity with other student organizations; such as Supra, USU and collectives, together to pursue peace, democracy and liberty of Hong Kong.

Moved: Alex Yang
Seconded: Vinil Kumar

Procedural motion to ban video, audio, and photography for the duration of Q13's debate

Moved: Vinil Kumar
Seconded: Felix Faber

The procedural was put and **CARREID.**

To ensure that the procedural was upheld the Secretary to Council required all laptops and tablets to be closed and put away or that they be in her line of sight, so she could check they were not in breach of the motion. She then proceeded to check everyone present's phone to ensure it was not recording, asking for it to be put in either flight mode or turned off and placed clearly on the desk so if anyone picked up, or used their phone it would be clear. Anyone who left the room would have to present their phone for inspection on re-entry for the duration of the discussion of Q13.

There was call for a quorum count at 11:01pm
The meeting was found inquorate.
There was a request to wait 5 minutes.

There was a quorum count at 11:06pm.
The meeting was found inquorate.
There was a request to wait 10 minutes.

There was a quorum count at 11:18pm.
The meeting was found inquorate
There was a request to wait 2 minutes.

There was a quorum count at 11:21pm.
The meeting was found inquorate.
There was a call to wait 5 minutes.

There was a quorum count at 11:25pm.
The meeting was found inquorate.
There was a request to wait 5 minutes.

There was a quorum count at 11:29pm.
The meeting was found quorate and resumed at 11:30pm.

Procedural motion that the motion lie on the table
Moved: Dane Luo
Seconded: Himath Siriniwasa
The procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

Foreshadowing procedural to move straight to a vote on the substantive motion
Moved: Jack Mansel

Seconded: Vinil Kumar

As a result of the initial procedural success the foreshadowing procedural **LASPED.**

The meeting returned to the standing orders.

Motion to accept all items from points L to O on the agenda, en bloc.

Moved: Dane Luo

Seconded: Josie Jackovak

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The Reports from L – O can be found at the end of this document.

Procedural motion to move to R for a motion from the floor

Moved: Lily Campbell

Seconded: Jack Mansel

the procedural was put and **CARRIED.**

There was a call for a quorum count at 11: 40pm.

The meeting was found inquorate.

The meeting lapsed at 11:40pm.

Reports from sections L – O:

L. Report of the President and Executive

L1. Executive Minutes

Minutes of the Executive meetings from the 2nd May to the 7th Aug 2019.

L2. Report of the Executive

Report of the executive from the 8th May to the 4th September 2019

L3. President's Report

Hosting the 2019 NUS Education Conference

In late June, the senior executives and myself have been actively working on hosting the 2019 Education Conference at the University of Sydney. Despite the tight timeframe, the senior executives were able to work efficiently and collaboratively to book all the safe spaces with the USU, and complete a directions guide for all the attendees coming to the Education Conference. Our secretary to Council, Julia, worked extremely hard communicating with the University venues to ensure that all the event venues are available for the NUS Education Conference to take place and ensured that there is adequate caterings for everyone at the conference. Hereby, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Julia and all the senior executives who took part in the process of preparing for hosting the conference.

Worldwide University Network Conference

During the middle of May, I had the opportunity to attend the Worldwide University Network Conference held at the University College Dublin, along with leaders of student unions around

the world. At the conference, we discussed topics such as the cost of higher education, looking into different funding models at different universities in different countries. We also discussed extensively climate change and promoting a sustainable education, as well as encouraging consent education around the world, and reduce incidences of sexual assault. As an outcome of the extensive discussions, the student delegates came up with a list of best practices that could be applicable for our University that I would wish to advocate for in the rest of my term as the President of the SRC.

These include:

- Reduce the cost of education by lobbying the University executives to lobby the government for higher investment
- Reduce rates of sexual assault and protect victims by actively engaging in bystander trainings and developing continuous preventative sexual assault controls
- Promote sustainable education by embedding the concept of sustainability into the curriculum, and lobby the University to divest from fossil fuel
- I would like to sincerely thank the senior executives for maintaining the operation of the SRC for the week that I was away, especially Dane who was the Acting President during that period of time. I am very grateful for such a supportive team of senior executives.

Student Charter

At the June UE Student Life Committee meeting, I had the opportunity to review the University's newest version of their student code of conduct policy after a presentation made by myself, immediate past USU President Liliana and SUPRA Student Representative Karen at the May Academic Board meeting. It was pleasing to see the University taking on board a few suggestions that the students have raised and made corresponding changes, such as changing the name of the document from "Code of Conduct Policy" to "Student Charter", made the document more concise and added in what students can expect of the University.

Whilst these changes are fair and appropriate, we still saw the document as something that is quite one-sided, as students are expected to comply with thirteen sets of expectations, whilst only nine expectations are anticipated for from the University – with no clear consequences outlined if University breaches any of the expectations. We also saw that the Student Charter did not include elements of cultural competence, and had an oversight on administration issues which are just as important as personal and academic issues.

Clearly, there are much to be fixed and recommended on the Student Charter document. If anyone has any opinions or suggestions to put forward, I am very happy to receive these at president@src.usyd.edu.au. I would also like to sincerely thank our secretary to Council Julia and our Casework and Policy Manager James for providing me with relevant advices on the Student Charter document.

Official Announcement to OLE and Dalyell Scholar Changes in 2020

This issue regarding Open Learning Environment has occurred in my report for multiple times throughout this year. I would just like to raise it again as recently Professor Peter McCallum and the coordinator of the Dalyell Scholars Program have recently sent around E-mails and officially announced the changes that will take place regarding OLE and Dalyell Scholar Program in 2020. Starting from 2020, all Dalyell Scholar students will only have to take 6 units of OLE subjects rather than doing 12 units of OLE subjects, more staff resources will be invested into OLE subjects in order to provide students with more support under a virtual

learning environment, and the University will begin to talk to other Universities around the world to investigate options of completing the OLE through overseas exchange programs.

Despite a change has been made to the current status of Open Learning Environment, there is still a lot of problems existing (e.g. the unreasonable allocation of credit points), and this is only the beginning of what is a long journey to change. I sincerely wish that future SRC Councils can continue the initiative and improve on the Open Learning Environment so that ultimately it will become a subject of relevance and use for the students.

Welcome Day

The Semester 2 Welcome Day has been a huge success for the SRC. We have distributed around 400 welcome day study packs to undergraduate students at the University of Sydney, and had an opportunity to explain to students who don't know about the SRC what we do, what services we can provide to them, what collectives we have, our student run publications and how they can contact us. The National Welfare Officer from the NUS also came to our stall, where she was able to answer the queries of a few students who came by to ask about the raise the rate initiative organised by the NUS. A few students have also come by to pick up some fliers on the Climate Change March that would be held on the 9th of August. Hereby, I sincerely want to thank all the volunteers who have attended and helped out at the Welcome Day stall, and I also want to thank our senior executives who have actively helped with the process of ordering merchandises, printing fliers and setting up the Welcome Day.

French Model Code Review Implementation Group

As most of you have been aware, as an outcome of Judge Robert French's investigation into the issue of freedom of speech on campus, a French Model for High Education Institutions has been established and issued to every University in Australia for consideration. As such, the University of Sydney has developed an implementation group regarding the French Model. Vice President Dane and myself were both present at the meeting. As we are only at an infant stage with implementing and discussing the French Model, information relating to that is confidential, however the overarching idea is whether we should accept the French Model in its entirety, or to change parts of the University's policies based on suggestions of the French Model, and which parts of the French model should be adopted and which parts would deem unsuitable. If you have any primary thoughts on this issue, please E-mail me at president@src.usyd.edu.au.

To clarify my attendance at the French Model Code Implementation Group, an Honi Soit article published a month ago is factually correct in that I have been named absent on the minutes of that meeting. This was because of an important internal meeting at the SRC that I had to attend. However, the meeting was postponed and I later informed the University that I will be there (I am able to provide E-mail correspondence relating to that), however the secretary to that Group forgot to edit the meeting minutes and mark me as present, therefore the minutes showed that I was absent for that period of time.

Casual Caseworker

After a strict process of examining resumes and conducting interviews, the selection panel consisting of myself, Niamh, Mel and Sharon have selected and appointed Jawed Gabrael to be the new caseworker. Jawed started his role on the 15th of July 2019, and was in office full time

from Monday to Friday each week, for a duration of 8 weeks until Monday the 2nd of September. We thank Jawed for his contribution to the SRC and the passion and assistance that he has shown to our students.

Casual Solicitor

We also have a new casual solicitor joining us in the SRC office. She will be working on two days (most likely Tuesday and Thursday) to deal with the heavy caseload that SRC Legal Service is receiving and drop-ins on Tuesday and Thursday. If you see her around, please give her a warm welcome!

SRC Open Day

The University of Sydney Open Day was held last Saturday on the 31st of August 2019. The SRC had a stall on the lawn in front of the Quadrangle, where myself, along with the Vice President, reached out to over a hundred high school students, and introduced them to the Student Representatives Council, informing them about the amazing welfare services that SRC provides and the campaigns that the SRC runs, and the kind of support that they will be able to get as an undergraduate student at the University of Sydney. Despite being a rainy day, we conducted many enjoyable conversations with the visiting high school students, and gave tips and guidance on making that transition from high school to University.

SRC Food Stall

This Wednesday, on the 4th of September, the SRC held a food stall on Eastern Avenue from 11:00am to 12:00pm. In addition to the hot dog that was distributed at the stall last time, we also handed out free mooncakes at the stall to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival. The Mid-Autumn Festival is usually a time where families unite to celebrate a special occasion, but for international students in Australia, they are unable to unite with their families and often spend this time in solitude. Hence, through this particular initiative, the SRC wishes to bring the community together and give warmth and joy to international students.

SRC x SUPRA Career Fair

I have been working with international student officer Jahanzaib Lashary and Vice President Caitlyn Chu over the past week to organise a career fair event with Azhar Saeed – Vice President of SUPRA and Minran Liu – President of SUPRA. As commonly known, the University also has its own career fair twice in a year in both Semester 1 and Semester 2. However, the existing career fairs have the problems of many exhibitors accepting domestic students with permanent residency and citizen status only and present a high standard of entry. Therefore, SRC would be working with SUPRA over the next two months to host a career fair that equally caters for both international and domestic students, cover a wide variety of subject areas, and include exhibitors that present an reasonably achievable standard of entry.

I. Report of the Vice-President

Since May, we have been working on many projects, which are summarised in this report. This represents a culmination of a year's worth of preparation and work, and stems from our focus to address welfare and wellbeing issues of students, particularly international students.

Textbook Subsidy Program

This is an initiative that Dane has been working on since December. It involves providing a subsidy for textbooks and other learning equipment that students need (eg science lab coats, gloves, calculators). We made a request from the University in the SSAF application process for a pilot program. We met with several representatives from the University to discuss the implementation and importance of such a program. And we are absolutely delighted to roll it out in semester 2 2019.

Many students find it difficult making the transition from high school to University. This includes financial difficulty with textbooks, Opal fares (which are, sadly, still at full adult fares for international students), food, rent and everyday expenses. This is particularly the case for international students who are not eligible for the Student Start-Up Loan.

Having textbooks and learning equipment is important for students to do well in their studies. Going into classes unable to afford them means that those students are unfairly disadvantaged. To address this, we worked on a Textbook Subsidy Program. The first round involves giving a subsidy of \$100 per student undergraduate students in need.

The Textbook Subsidy Program would operate as follows:

- Students who are in need can find details on the SRC website and apply online for an interview with a caseworker;
- A caseworker will conduct a short interview with the student and run through the eligibility criteria with them; and
- If the student is confirmed to be eligible, they will receive the subsidy via electronic funds transfer.

In preparing the Textbook Subsidy Program, we have consulted with individuals from the University Financial Support Service and ensured that it is consistent with the Executive's long-standing position that the SRC offices should be cashless. The Textbook Subsidy Program will not replace the \$50 emergency loans scheme, which will continue to operate at all times throughout the year.

We have received \$100,000 from the University for subsidies under the Textbook Subsidy Program. The Executive has approved \$40,000 for a Textbook Subsidy Program in semester 2 2019 to be administered by a caseworker and overseen by the Vice Presidents. This first batch will close this week. The remaining \$60,000 in a Textbook Subsidy Fund for the 91st or 92nd Council and Executive to distribute to students through a Textbook Subsidy Program.

We want to thank Mel, Chitra and James for working with Dane throughout this year to make this work. We are really proud of this initiative and we really hope that this will benefit many

students who need that support to do well in their studies. We really hope that the Textbook Subsidy Program will be able to continue beyond 2019 and future Councils will commit to expanding it!

We welcome any feedback or ideas to this initiative to vice.president@src.usyd.edu.au.

Enterprise Bargaining Agreement

Dane has been joining the President and General Secretary to meet with staff representatives on a new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement since April. The agreement will have effect for the 92nd Council on 1 December 2019. So far, the meetings have been going well and Dane has been tasked with working with the NTEU, CPSU and staff to draft the text of the new agreement. In addition, Dane has been tasked with keeping records and minutes of meetings. This will be a long-term project and many meetings will likely take place in the next few months before we can reach a final result.

NUS EdCon

The National Education Officer notified us two weeks before the Education Conference that the NUS needed to make a last-minute change to the location of their EdCon this year due to an increase in registrations. That deadline was very tight and many things had to be turned around in a short period of time. We helped move their conference from UTS to USyd in under two weeks with tremendous assistance from Julia (Secretary to Council), Jacky and the General Secretaries. This involved making room bookings in the Eastern Avenue and Carslaw, designing maps and writing guiding information, contacting the USU about using their safe spaces, organising printing of forms and conference readers, information about the SRC and USyd, and catering for 370 attendees. We want to give a *massive* thank you to Julia for dedicating so much time to make everything work and sharing her wealth of experience from EdCon 2016.

Welcome Day and Student Outreach

We helped manage the SRC stall on Eastern Avenue on Welcome Day and also walked around to speak to students about the SRC's services on Monday 5 August 2019. There was a lot of interest and Caitlyn had helped order folders with information to hand out to students. Dane also promoted the casework and legal services at the Business School Undergraduate Welcome Expo.

Dane attended the Faculty of Engineering and IT's Keep Calm Week at the PNR building. Two SRC caseworkers came with us and we brought brochures, information sheets and lollies. Disabilities Services, SUPRA, the Faculty's mentoring program and other organisations were also there, in addition to Therapaws dogs!

Welfare Week

Welfare Week took place from Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 August 2019. We tried to make this initiative bigger and better and build on this event last year. It was really fantastic to partner with other student-led organisations SUPRA and USU to deliver three jam-packed days with information stalls from collectives, departments, NGOs, student organisations and unions.

Across the three days, we handed out free food items – hot dogs on Tuesday, Subway wraps on Wednesday and Krispy Kreme doughnuts on Thursday – alongside SRC/SUPRA information packs and business cards.

On the last day, we used the food items to encourage undergraduate students to fill out the Research and Policy Officers' survey. We attracted 70 responses on Thursday, which was easily the best day for the survey over the two weeks it ran and amounted to just under half of all responses (155 in total), exceeding their 'best-case scenario'. One of the Research and Policy Officers, Altin Gavrovic, said that 'students are notoriously difficult to survey so this is a really great outcome - I figured about a hundred responses was the best that I could have hoped for and we blew that goal out a long way. Thanks so much for helping make this so successful.'

We would like to thank the assistance from the Casework and Policy Department (Mel, Sharon, James, Lorna and Breda) for their assistance in making this initiative a success! We also want to thank Tom, Jodi and Sam from the USU for their assistance and ideas!

Open Day

On Saturday, Dane worked at the SRC stall and joined Irene Ma on taking over the University's Instagram account. Similar to Welcome Day, this was a great opportunity to tell students about the work that the SRC does if they decide to come to our University next year. And it was also an important chance to pass on information about relevant Centrelink payments (including Youth Allowance) that they can start applying for.

Satellite Campus Visits

Dane has joined onto satellite campus visits to Nursing and Cumberland in the last two weeks. There was a very strong reception in Nursing and many students were able to apply directly to Mel for a Textbook Subsidy. This also gave us an opportunity to speak directly to students at satellite campuses where there is a great disconnect with the SRC. We are hoping to make another set of visits to the other satellite campuses (think Conservatorium, SCA, Camden etc) towards the end of this semester.

Writing Workshop on Centrelink's robodebt program

We are working with the NUS and the Australian Council of Social Services to organise a writing workshop for submissions to the Senate Committee on Community Affairs into their inquiry into Centrelink's robodebt 'compliance' program. We want to hear directly from

students who have been affected. This is happening on Tuesday 10 September 2019 in the afternoon at 4pm.

90th Anniversary Reunion

As we all know, this year the SRC turns 90 years. We have met with the Alumni Office and the USU to discuss plans to hold a cocktails and canapes evening event on Thursday 5 December 2019 in the Refectory. We are finalising guest speakers and details, and then proceed to send out invitations to past Representatives, Presidents, Officers and *Honi* Editors.

We need volunteers to help on the night with setting up, decorations and packing up etc. We would likely need people to help between 3pm to 10pm that day – even a number of hours in that time slot would be great. If you are interested, please email to vice.president@src.usyd.edu.au.

University Committees

Over the past few months, we have been given more opportunities to sit on University committee meetings to bring an undergraduate student voice to all decisions that flow through these governance bodies. We have spoken about the UOS student survey results, highlighting how the data would be problematic, at the UE Education Committee. We have raised serious concerns about the lengthy delays in the resolution of academic appeals on the Faculty and Student Appeals Body level at the Student Consultative Committee. We have spoken about ensuring more affordable student housing places at the UE Student Life Committee. We have joined with SUPRA to raise concerns about HDR policy changes in the UE Research Education Committee. And we have spoken about the importance of allowing free speech on the French Model Code Implementation Group. From these meetings, Between us, we are committed to always attend University committees, prepare submissions to committee documents and bring major policy issues to the Council.

Contract Cheating and Academic Integrity

Recently, the University has been doing some work in the area of contract cheating and academic integrity. We believe that these issues are complex and we want to make sure we are contributing to ensure any changes to policy will not detriment students who do the right thing but also help students who are struggling with these issues. We have consulted with our caseworkers, who are aware of specific cases and know how to directly support students, and made submissions to the Student Consultative Committee.

The Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency Amendment (Prohibiting Academic Cheating Services) Bill 2019 seeks to make it an offence for any person to provide or advertise academic cheating services for higher education in Australia, whether the service is offered from within Australia or from overseas. It also imposes significant fines and potentially imprisonment where an offence is proven. It gives TEQSA sweeping powers as the regulator,

which includes the capacity to seek Federal Court injunctions to prevent access to domestic and international websites promoting cheating services. We are closely following new legislation to be introduced into the Federal Parliament on this issue and joined with the National Education Officer on their submission.

On this issue, Dane attended a workshop on developing an academic integrity model statement and contract cheating on Thursday 29 August 2019. At that meeting, we highlighted that academic integrity is a shared responsibility with the University and that the University of Sydney needed to do more to prevent commercial contract cheating operators from being able to come onto our campuses and then going after them. We also encouraged the University to consider the UNSW ‘student-centred’ model and adopt an amnesty program.

In November, Dane will be attending the annual TEQSA conference in Melbourne. This includes specifically participating in a forum hosted by the TEQSA Student Expert Advisory Group will be hosting a forum for all students on Academic Integrity and Contract Cheating. We will be joining other student representatives and the NUS to discuss how we can play a leading role in maintaining and promoting academic integrity at our University.

For Discussion – Writing during Reading Time

The University is seeking advice about writing during reading time in final exams. Currently, all final exams must provide 10 minutes reading time in addition to the writing time (except Law, which must provide 30 minutes reading time).

UOS Coordinators can choose four for reading time instructions:

Reading Time Instructions	Number of written exams in semester 1 2019
Writing not permitted at all	469
Writing not permitted on answer material but allowed on question paper	163
Writing not permitted on question paper but allowed on answer material	11
Writing permitted on both question paper and answer material	73

We have been asked whether we would recommend standardising reading time instructions or leave them entirely at the discretion of UOS coordinators. Some faculties and University schools, or departments within them, may also create their own internal policies.

J. Report of the General Secretary

July meeting report

Audit

The official record from our annual audit are attached in Appendix 1 of the report. The page is an overall summary of the accounts of last year's SRC, as recorded on the 30th of November 2018.

Research Projects with Casework and Policy Department

We have been working with the Casework and Policy Departments with the employment of two new Researchers. The two researchers will be conducting concurrent projects; one in relation to student housing and its lack of affordability, the second in relation to student wellbeing. Both projects are still in the beginning process of determining the scope of the research as well as the intended audience and impact of these research.

The caseworkers, drawing upon their experience with various student issues, are providing insight into the main areas of concerns within each research project. We are hoping to work alongside the caseworkers in providing support and input in regular meeting with both research officers. We look forward to what both researchers do with their respective projects, and the future use of these projects to advocate change on both the issue of student housing affordability and student wellbeing.

SSAF and Budgeting

Over the last month, we have been in contact with Pip Pattison and Helen Ash regarding our SSAF application. The feedback we have received has been highly positive. The various committees that the application must go through, has also been positive regarding our application.

We have also been in contact with all Departments and Collectives requesting their projected activities, initiatives and activism for the year and rough costings for these. We have received the majority of the Departments and Collectives projections. At this point we are in the process of collating the amounts, discussing some of the activities with the Departments and Collectives and working out how best to support the work of the Office Bearers, Departments and Collectives in their work for the year.

SRC Visibility

Over the last month, we have been involved in increasing the visibility of the SRC. Firstly, this was done through a breakfast provided by the SRC. The response was encouraging, and we look forward to further engaging with the student community, through providing free breakfasts, a promotion of our services and the departments and collectives.

August report:

Research Projects

The research projects that the SRC is currently undertaking are proceeding well. The two projects are related to the issues of student housing, including accessibility and affordability and student wellbeing and experiences. Both research officers have reached a point in which they are conducting interviews, focus groups and running surveys. I would like to invite all Councillors and OBS to partake in the survey (which will be advertised on the SRC pages) as

well as inviting their personal networks to also engage. The more data that is available for these projects the better results, scope and recommendations that the research officers will be able to produce. Furthermore, anyone who wishes to share their experiences but is unable to attend an interview or a focus group, you are welcome to contact Niamh and she will pass on the details of the research officers for this information to be shared. We would like to thank everyone in advance for their support regarding these projects and look forward to sharing more information as these projects progress.

Budget

We are currently finalizing the budget, having had some internal changes within some departments over the past few months. We do understand that many collectives and departments have some big plans they wish to see out this year, and therefore we would like to invite all OBs to send any requests for events to the executive. We request that in doing this, for each event/activist activity/materials, OBs provide some information as to what the event is, the purpose and benefits, a cost breakdown and roughly how many students are expected to attend or be involved.

Semester Two Events

This semester the SRC has already been involved in Welcome Day, which was reasonably successfully. We assisted in the organisation and coordination of the materials handed out and spoke to a number of students on the day informing of what the SRC is able to do. The SRC will also be hosting a Welfare Week, organised by the Vice Presidents. We have been assisting in the organisation of various groups including the engagement of a number of Unions and will be helping out during the event. We would like to encourage as many people to also volunteer to assist in building student welfare through awareness and representation around a number of issues that continually impact students. The SRC will also be involved in Open Day on the 31st of August, which we are about to commence preparations for.

SRC Legal Service

We have been working on updating a number of policies for the legal service board including various internal procedures, reporting procedures and policies relating to WHS and Casework. We would like to thank Chitra for her assistance in this, as well as the other departments in providing their advice and input on how to improve the Legal Service in order to maintain its efficiency and effectiveness.

EBA Negotiations

Niamh alongside the President and the Vice President Dane, are currently still engaging in EBA negotiations. They are currently proceeding well and we seem to be on track to finish within the timeframe originally agreed upon.

September report

SRC Legal Service

The SRC Legal Service will be closed from the 2nd of September until the 1st of October, as the current Interim Principal Solicitor An Li, will be taking leave. As there is currently no other permanent full-time employee within the SLS, the board has decided that the most

appropriate course of action is to close down the service for the month. Students who require immediate legal assistance will be directed to either SUPRA or Redfern Legal Centre. Niamh is currently working on the selection committee (alongside the Administration Manager Chitra and the Casework and Policy Manager James) for a Principal Solicitor. The committee has decided to review and update the Legal Department's Policies and Procedures. This is being done alongside an updated version of the Duty Statement and Job Description. The time line for this role is set to have applications open mid-September.

Research Projects

Both research officers are at the point of collating their data for their projects. They had a fantastic response to their survey- with around 160 students participating. Altin, who is working on Student Wellbeing, will be running a focus group this week which a number of students have volunteered to participate in, including Ellie Stephenson one of the Welfare Officers.

As the projects move towards finalising, more details will be confirmed as to what will be done with the findings and how the SRC will use each project to continue to advocate for students' rights in various areas on and off campus.

With these two projects underway the Casework and Policy Department are starting to consider what direction they would like the third project to undertake. The two suggestions currently include a collation of student working rights in a manner that is accessible and easy to follow. The second is in relation to the University's actions on sustainability. If anyone has any thoughts on these topics or even other topic suggestions please contact Niamh.

Changes to SSAF

This year the University has decided to change the way that SSAF submissions will work. Instead of doing them at the beginning of the year and leaving organisations unsure of their funding until mid-way through the year, a new process will be in place. SSAF submissions will now be due in October for the next year, so that funding can be allocated earlier. This means that the SRC will be able to access and organise its funding much earlier on, in comparison to previous years. However, this means that over the next month or so we will be working alongside the departments to submit another SSAF submission. If there are any major projects that current Councils may wish to be considered for next year, please contact us on our general secretary email, so this can be considered and included in the submission.

Budget

We would like to firstly apologise for the lateness of the yearly budget. Due to some internal department changes, the final figures for this year have only just been finalised. We would sincerely like to thank Chitra for helping organise this, as well as Dane for his assistance during this process. Furthermore, to all the collectives and departments who submitted their personal budget requests early on this year, thank you for cooperating in the process and for those that made the effort to submit by the deadline we set it was greatly appreciated.

We would finally like to remind everyone, that all requests or reimbursements still need to be submitted to the executive for approval.

The budget is as follows:

Total Revenue from SSAF	\$ 2,038,722.59
Total Expenditure	\$ 2,035,912.57
Net Surplus/deficit	\$ 2810.02
Expenditure	
Stipends	
President	\$ 42,015.58
General Secretary	\$ 28,010.39
Vice President	\$ 28,010.39
Education	\$ 28,010.39
Women's	\$ 28,010.39
Honi Soit Editors	\$ 54,750.00
Total	\$ 208,807.13
Collectives	
Honi Soit	\$ 10,159.00
Sexual Harassment	\$ 4,090.00
Queer	\$ 3,700.00
Refugee Rights	\$ 2,550.00
Interfaith	\$ 350.00
Welfare	\$ 3,000.00
Environment	\$ 9,500.00
Education	\$ 16,500.00
Social Justice	\$ 1,100.00
Women's	\$ 2,850.00

Global Solidarity	\$ 1,100.00
Disabilities	\$ 2,000.00
Indigenous	\$ 1,500.00
International Students	\$ 2,000.00
Student Housing	\$ 600.00
Residential Colleges	\$ 650.00
Intercampus	
Ethnocultural	\$ 3,590.00
Council Resources	\$ 2,500.00
Total	\$ 67,739.00
NUS	
Affiliation	\$ 57,870.00
Conference	\$ 16,200.00
Total	\$ 81,839.09
Election	
Wages	\$ 74,000.00
Ballots	\$ 4,200.00
Expenses	\$ 1,350.00
Total	\$ 79,550.00
Welcome Week	
Total	\$ 18, 500.00
Casework	

Wages	\$ 516,714.56
5 Week Casual	\$ 11,497.19
Training	\$ 1,080.00
Expenses	\$ 2,980.80
Total	\$ 532,272.55
SRC Legal Service	
Wages	\$ 208,208.39
Training	\$ 1,080.00
Expenses	\$ 7,000.00
Total	\$ 216,288.39
Publications	
Wages	\$ 115,410.18
Extra Hours	\$ 21,483.57
Training	\$ 2,277.00
Publication production cost	\$ 37,800.00
Expenses	\$ 6,327.90
Total	\$ 183,298.65
Administration	
Wages	\$ 374,427.16
Casual 4 Weeks	\$ 6,622.74
Audit Fees	\$ 17,100.00
Insurance	\$ 13,500.00

Software and Hardware	\$ 9,000.00
Stationary and consumables	\$ 31,500.00
Expenses	\$ 4,977.90
Total	\$ 457,127.80
<i>SRC Legal Service – Extra Solicitor</i>	
Wages	\$ 18,670.04
Training	\$ 3,600.00
Office Space	\$ 10,692.00
Total	\$ 32,962.04
<i>Student Outreach</i>	
	\$ 22,394.37
<i>Textbook Subsidy Program</i>	
Wages	\$ 11,497.19
Subsidy Value	\$ 113,636.36
Total	\$ 125,133.55
<i>Recruitment Month</i>	
	\$ 10,000.00

N1. Report of the Standing Legal Committee

Minutes of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Standing Legal Committee Meetings, held on the 18th of April, 8th and 23rd of May, 17th and 25th July, and 6th August.

K. Reports of Committees and Officers

O1. Report of the Education Officers

Past reports

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 forum will take place on Thursday 23rd May from 11am to 1pm.

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.

August Report

The Education Officers hope Councillors will be supporting and attending the NTEU's SOMething Rotten Rally - they are campaigning against University management's broken Sydney Operating Model which is seeing job cuts to essential services students need. As always, the Education Officers are willing to continue working with other OBs and supporting them through organising activism and printing. The Education Officers attended the NUS

Education Conference and organised funding for USyd student activists. Thank you to those executive members who assisted us in organising this. The Education Officers will be supporting several campaigns of the National Union of Students this semester, following discussions at EdCon. Campaigns include NDAs on climate change and sexual violence at universities, and supporting campaigns by NUS National Office bearers. We have been supporting the August 9th Climate NDA and the August 21st Black Lives Matter protest and hope to see other SRC Councillors and student activists in attendance. The Education Officers have designed T-shirts for Education Action Group members themed around student climate activism. At Semester 2 O-Day the Education Officers were supporting climate and union activism on campus.

September Report

As Education Officers, we understand the importance to help all students gain equality at the University, and to help them encounter difficulties in their uni study and life, especially for international students. International students are facing different issues such as housing and employment in their lives in Australia and USYD, and sometimes, their rights were neglected, therefore the Education Officers are organising campaigns against unequal International Students Rights. The form of the campaign will be mainly in the form of posters, which will be produced in Chinese, Korean, Japanese and English. We have also considered about providing students with free snack at JFR building, and we will be promoting about our campaign on helping International Students gain equality at uni.

O2. Report of the Women's Officers

Past report

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.

Women’s Officer Report 7 August:

Safer Communities Advisory Committee:

The following document relates to the report that was put to the advisory committee by Gabi titled devising a strategy addressing bullying, racism and discrimination at the University of Sydney. Mark Try, Director, Student Support Services kindly spent some time advising on the current frameworks that USYD has in dealing with these issues. We have provided this in our report to update Council and to spark further discussion on how we may promote these reporting channels.

		<i>Comments from: Mark Try, Director, Student Support Services (July 2019)</i>
a	Create a centralised Student Discipline Register. Work on this register will commence once a new Student Management System currently in development is in place.	The University maintains a central record of students who have been penalised for misconduct
b	Establish a Staff Help hotline/email. In 2019 a framework will be developed on how to prevent and manage bullying and discrimination complaints, including a reporting process and staff hotline.	University of Sydney implemented a hotline for this purpose in 2018
c	Ongoing professional and capability development. Code of	University of Sydney academic and professional staff onboarding includes information about our organisational

	Conduct and Bullying and Harassment training is now part of on-boarding new staff and annual mandatory training for all employees.	culture, values , support services, and references to related University policies and procedures
d	Provide easy website and intranet access to clear, plain English information on identifying and reporting misconduct. The TAFE NSW Student Guide 2019 is now available through the website and students have been familiarised with it through their student orientation sessions. It clearly outlines student roles and responsibilities and information on identifying and reporting misconduct. In addition, a Student Conduct and Discipline procedure manual to support staff as they manage issues of misconduct is in production and will be completed and online next month.	Reporting student misconduct https://sydney.edu.au/students/student-misconduct/report-student-misconduct.html Our safer communities initiatives https://sydney.edu.au/about-us/vision-and-values/safer-communities.html
e	Inform and update all students of their rights and responsibilities. An online student induction program has been developed that outlines students' rights and responsibilities and draws attention to the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy. Participation in this can be captured. When the online program is not available, and paper-based induction occurs, the current practice is for students to manually sign a register, however, this process should be possible to automate when our new Student Management System is in place.	All commencing students are automatically enrolled in and must complete <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Academic Honesty Education</i> module (AHM) 2. <i>Consent Matters</i> module
f	Centralised TAFE complaints management. TAFE NSW has centralised the process and complaints are now managed by dedicated complaint handling employees bringing it into line with best practice. Complaint	Complaints for current students https://sydney.edu.au/students/complaints.html Reporting sexual assault or harassment

	response training is being rolled out to all staff responsible for this part of the complaint process, and a complaints network has been established to ensure consistency of approach and share good practice.	https://sydney.edu.au/students/sexual-assault.html
g	Establish diversity and equity as a TAFE NSW focus. TAFE NSW is establishing a Culture and Engagement Committee and one of the focuses of this committee will be diversity and inclusion.	Culture strategy initiatives inform the University's 2016-20 strategic plan which has an organisational focus. Diversity and inclusion is one aspect of our culture strategy
h	Diversity and Cultural Inclusion training. Phase 2 of the Diversity and Cultural Inclusion will be launched, targeted to teaching staff, customer facing staff and support staff.	Diversity and inclusion at Sydney https://sydney.edu.au/about-us/vision-and-values/diversity.html We also offer training, multiple networks and programs in which staff may participate, and benchmark annually against key sector and related commercial and professional indicators, such as those set down by the Workplace Gender Equity Agency
i	Expand diversity awareness and education to students. This is ongoing and will be through a range of on-campus programs.	Gender equity https://sydney.edu.au/about-us/vision-and-values/diversity/gender-equity.html Disability action plan https://sydney.edu.au/about-us/vision-and-values/diversity/disability-action-plan.html Pride https://sydney.edu.au/about-us/vision-and-values/diversity/pride-network.html
j	Measure impact. This has commenced and will be ongoing through Voice of the Customer and Employee Engagement research, as well as staff surveys, feedback and complaints trend analysis.	Two surveys are conducted at the University, in alternate years: Staff Engagement Survey, Culture Survey. The former is a sector benchmarking survey

One key issue raised by the group was the importance of advertising the different mechanisms by which a student reports a case of bullying or racism to the University with particular emphasis on the 1800 SYD HLP (1800 793 457) line. Another note from the meeting was that

the walking escort service is available to students, despite it being brought to our attention that the service has been removed.

8th Council Report

USYD Women Past, Present and Future Event:

On the 14th of August we will hold this event. We invite all Councillors and office bearers to attend in support of this Q and A panel which offers an opportunity for past students to share their wisdom and knowledge with emerging generations of graduates from our University. All people are welcome.

NOWSA Conference:

We both attended some of the sessions throughout the National Women's Conference (NOWSA) and also was able to sponsor one USYD student attending the conference for a full day. During the conference, Crystal had the privilege to speak to Ms Nina Funnel, who is a journalist, who actively works on the issue of sexual harassment on campus. Ms Funnel highlighted that sexual harassment issue is even more serious among international students. She also kindly agreed to conduct an interview with us to further improve the awareness of such issue. We are currently looking for student groups on campus to work together on the sexual harassment issue on campus, especially for international students.

Meeting with USU Women's Portfolio Holder:

We met with newly elected USU board director Cady Brown to discuss potential collaboration with the USU and SRC for upcoming events including the USYD Women Past, Present and Future event, health week and sanitary items projects.

ENID Videos:

According to a recent ABC report, 78% of Australian women are dissatisfied with their appearances. As such, we are in the process of producing short videos to encourage women to develop positive body image. Our leading roles in the video are USYD women from different communities and backgrounds. The video is made by the photographers and editors of the FIU-FIU Photography, which is a company owned by Crystal Xu. In order to support female activism, the company covers all the expenses incurred during the production of the video. The video will be released on SRC Facebook page, USYD Women Facebook page and Enid website.

Women for Election

There is an upcoming conference run by Women for Election are holding called Women in the House: INSPIRE & EQUIP Conference between the 23-24th of August. We are happy to direct some our budget towards sponsoring USYD students to attend. Please get into contact with us if you are interest in attending. More information of the event can be found here:

https://events.humanitix.com.au/women-in-the-house-inspire-women-for-election-australia-3rd-annual-conference?fbclid=IwAR0W9kuauOUB7NjDg_kG9aTzL9WLM6B_BdlbMsPX57JecHA3NeO-Oz8Nwfc

Women's Honi Edition:

We are awaiting a response from the Honi editorial team as to collaboration for the Women's edition of Honi Soit.

O3. Report of the Disabilities Officers

Past report

We would like to thank the SRC for accepting our motions in the meeting last week, this will make a positive difference to the members of our collective and to disabled students on campus. In week 4 of Semester 2 we will be releasing *Disabled Honi* as a result of our motions being passed and we have already begun to organise it.

We have had discussions with Dane Luo regarding the accessibility of future SRC Council meetings. We are hoping for all future meetings to be wheelchair accessible, have the option of auslan interpreters, and to have people available to guide those with low vision. Additionally, we have discussed having the forms for the office bearers as accessible to people with low vision, meaning they will be available in large text.

As both of the Disabilities Officers are Queer we are committed to intersectional activism. For example, Hayden spoke at the Women's Collective rally for abortion rights and drew attention to the need for all people with uteruses to be able to access abortion including those with disabilities and those of trans status. Additionally, Hayden was a main organiser of the Transgender Day of Visibility as a founding member of Trans Action Warrang. He ensured that people with Disabilities were included in this action and that the rally was as accessible as possible – he also drew attention to the issues faced by disabled transgender people in Australia.

In the coming month, we are hoping to have more social events to make disabled students feel more included and supported on campus. We have also been in discussion with the USU about a Disabilities Space and hope to achieve this goal as soon as possible.

O4. Report of the Sexual Harassment Officers

Women's collective timeline over the last few months

1. **August 31st** - attendance of emergency rally- Solidarity with Djab Wurrung Sacred Trees
2. **August 21st** - "what is the sexual assault crisis?" Panel.
 - a. Speakers;
 - b. **Anna Hush**, Ex. Women's officer of the women's collective, Currently undertaking a PHD at UNSW in the area of sexual assault within University academic settings.
 - c. **Sissy Xi Chen**, USyd graduate who undertook honours studying the relationship between sexual assault in a University setting and international students.
3. **August 21st** - Attendance; statewide rally for black lives matter.
4. **August 20th** - National Day of Action rally against sexual violence, in collaboration with UNSW, Macquarie, UTS, University of Newcastle and University of Wollongong

Women's collectives, as well as the NUS women's department, Domestic violence NSW, End rape on campus and more.

5. **August 20th** - radio interview with 2sr fm
6. **August 19th** - film screening "The Hunting Ground"
7. **August 13th/14th/15th** - WoCo hosted a stall for all 3 days of welfare week
8. **August 7th** – bake sale on eastern avenue to raise money for feminist organisations and to advertise our National Day of Action against Sexual Assault rally.
9. **August 6th** – 8am – 11am rally outside NSW parliament on the day the Abortion decriminalisation bill was beginning debate (we made the front page of the SMH!)
10. **31st of July** – 8am rally outside NSW parliament in support of Abortion law reform
11. **July 22nd – 26th** – WoCo members attended the NOWSA conference which Layla and Jazz Helped Organise
12. **July 11th** – winter potluck meeting and National day of action planning 20+ attendees.
13. **June 25th** – Winter break meeting / picnic - attendance = 15
14. **June 24th** - attendance of a vigil for victims of gendered violence (Jazz spoke at this)
15. **June 22nd** – attendance of "Stop the NT intervention" Rally
16. **June 22nd** – attendance of solidarity with Sudan rally
17. **June 19th** – Jazz spoke on a panel run by "Feminist Legal Perspectives" on the sexual assault crisis on University campuses along with UNSW professor Andrea Durbach and UNSW women's officer Ruby Leonard
18. **June 7th-9th** – Woco Members attended a weekend conference held by the Australian Student Environmental Network. Jazz co-hosted a talk.
19. **June 9th** – Attendance of "our bodies our choice" rally

Upcoming events

- **TBD** - "Knightess" fundraiser party and Growing strong launch at the Red Rattler
- **Women's Honi** - in collaboration with the current honi soit team, to come out in week 9
- Protesting against pro-life opposition of the abortion decriminalisation bill.
- Abortion care boxes creation

Consistent collective actions

- Weekly meetings
- Running of facebook, instagram and twitter pages with a large reach
- Advertisement of relevant feminist events.

O5. Report of the Welfare Officers

Past report

The Welfare Department has had its first meeting; we have identified the following priorities to work on for this semester:

1. **CAPS** - given widespread complaints from students about the quality and accessibility of CAPS (Counselling and Psychological Services), one important way we can enrich student welfare is to help with efforts to improve the service.
 - a. Actions we are planning to take:
 - i. Consult with students about potential improvements to be made to CAPS
 - ii. Identify areas for improvement
 - iii. Campaign uni to increase funding/effectiveness of CAPS

2. Fighting inaccessible and harmful subjects/assessments - many subjects across the University are inaccessible for a variety of reasons (e.g. Psychology assessments which require students to closely monitor their sugar intake and weight, which has a huge risk for individuals suffering from eating disorders; law subjects which fail to put content warnings on modules about sexual violence). The University has an obligation to ensure that all students, especially vulnerable and marginalised students, are able to access University. With assessments which can threaten students' health or a lack of warning about potentially traumatic topics, students' welfare is not cared for adequately.

- a. Actions we are planning to take:
 - i. Reporting mechanism for subjects which don't use content warnings, have harmful assessments, etc.
 - ii. Create a list so that students can be aware of subjects/topic areas that may be harmful to them, to allow them to make an informed choice about the subject and/or prepare to encounter the sensitive material
 - iii. Put pressure on subject coordinators to ensure assessments and subjects are created so as to be safe and accessible for all students

3. Workers' Rights - students' welfare at University is necessarily connected to their economic welfare; as a result students' rights at work are essential to protect. We need to make sure that students are not being exploited at work and know where to go for help if they face issues like discrimination, harassment, and underpayment.

- a. Actions we are planning to take:
 - i. Forums where students can learn about their rights at work, potentially looking into getting union reps to talk to students, definitely discussing common exploitative behaviours and opportunities for redress
- Note: previously Union Day has been a good way to do this
 - ii. Ensure online platforms of the SRC promote/publicise material which informs students about economic justice issues and activism

We have also restarted the USyd Welfare Department Facebook page, which now has a new logo. We have been sharing information about activism in which students can participate which are pertinent to their welfare and articles about welfare-related issues generally. We have had fairly significant rises in engagement, which is unsurprising given we were starting from inactivity, but pleasing nonetheless. Hopefully in the future we will be able to use this as a platform to consult with students and further promote SRC and Collective activities. You can like us using: fb.me/usydwelfaredept

O6. Report of the Residential College Officers

April Report

The Residential Colleges Department is currently finalising the description for both the Collective and the OB for the SRC website. This will then be handed to the Collective Executive Committee for approval.

The Intercollegiate Collective Executive Committee will formally meet for the first time within the next week. This meeting will discuss the Collectives 1-5 year plan, as well as approving a number of policy items that the Collective will look to action on, by advocating these within the Colleges, University and this SRC. The Chairperson can also report that Nicholas Comino

has been appointed Treasurer of the Collective. Nicholas brings years of experience to the Executive Committee and was the former Vice-President (Gender & Sexuality) at the University of Queensland Union. The budgetary requirements of the Collective will be prepared by the next Council meeting and presented for your consideration.

I would like to thank a number of key people for their support in supporting me to have the opportunity create the Collective, advising on the setup of the Collective, in forming the tenants that the Collective will continue to develop and advising the Chairperson on a personal level. This list is but not limited to: Annabel de Mestre (Deputy-Chairperson), Eliza McKendry, Albert Bain, Ziggy Harris, George Bishop (former Councillor), Chanum Torres (Former Councillor), Jacky He (President), and Annika Rees (BNOC at ANU and most inspiring woman I know). Special thanks goes out to our Vice-President Dane Luo "QC", Danes tireless work is a huge sacrifice and goes a long way to ensuring that this organisation continues to be so successful. I look forward to the day Dane gets appointed Chief Justice of NSW.

The Motion passed last Council meeting, on providing Charitable work towards the homeless is currently in development. I will be looking at the best ways possible over midsem break to accomplish this task and will provide costings and a plan for this next Council. I implore any Members of this Council and any Collectives to speak to me if you have any input at all.

May Report

The Intercollegiate Collective Executive Committee met on the 11th of April for the first time, which was a productive meeting. Three matters were agreed by Collectives Executive:

1. An Intercol Noticeboard shall be created.
2. Doing an event with SRC/USU C&S program and the Intercol Community.
3. A Charity concert between one of the Colleges and the SRC, where all profits shall go into a student-issue related charity.

Additional Officers of the Collective were appointed in the meeting; Dane Luo and Niamh Callinan to the Constitutional Standing Committee. The Chairperson appointed subsequently Saurav Bansal as Social Director of the Collective (delegate and Social Secretary to St.Johns College).

The Collective Executive determined that no more than \$1000.00 of budgeted costs would be needed during FY2019-2020 and this will be submitted to the General Secretaries in coming days.

The Intercol Collective Chairperson would like to make the following statement regarding the Honi Soit article published on the 5th of May.

James Ardouin said:

"As far as I am aware the College is dealing with a potential student misconduct issue. There is an ongoing investigation and it's a matter for St. Pauls to deal with internally. This matter must be dealt with procedural fairness and I don't appreciate wild speculation from various media sources. Further I understand that St. Pauls, and the wider Intercol Community is strongly committed to cultural renewal and implementing the recommendations of the Broderick report."

June/July Reports

The Executive held another meeting on the 23rd of May, the meeting was productive and focused mainly on the planned Charity Concert. Social Director Saurav Bansal gave a report to the Executive detailing the progress of this. Subsequent updates from Saurav can confirm

because of the draconian and ineffective NSW licencing laws relating to festivals, the Charity Concert has been difficult in planning and the Intercol Collective would like to recognise this issue. We are looking to outsource the licence to a catering company and Saurav has been working very hard to ensure the event goes ahead. Another potential project we will be working on is the circulation of a College newspaper.

The Intercol Collective also would like to thank St. Pauls Warden Don Markwell for his service during his tenure and his commitment to ensuring that the cultural renewal of the Colleges is completed as per the mandate established in the Broderick report.

The Executive passed the following motions in their May meeting:

L.1. The Intercollegiate Collective congratulates Wesley College Resident Caitlyn-Alyssa Brown in her election to USU Board and further reaffirms our support for any College Resident participating in any student election.

L.2. To lobby USU to move Palladian Dance to the Seymour centre.

The Residential College Officers also request the Council pass the following motion:

MOTION:

The University of Sydney SRC:

1. Commends the NSW Government for raising the small bar patron limit from 60 to 100 across the State in 2016 and extending trading times for small bars in the Sydney CBD and Kings Cross from midnight to 2am.
2. Notes that Sydney's night-time economy is critical to its economy and future, generating more than \$3.64 billion in revenue each year and employing more than 32,000 people.
3. Encourages the NSW Government to maximise the freedoms of small bars by further removing restrictions on opening hours, serving methods and staffing requirements.
4. Commends the NSW Government for creating the Parliamentary Joint Select Committee on Sydney's night time economy.
5. Requests that the NSW Government repeals the ineffective prohibition on certain drinks during the restricted service period.
6. Requests that the NSW Government repeals its strict "lock-out" laws namely *Part 4, Division 1A; Schedule 4, Clause 3; Schedule 4, Clause 5(1) of the Liquor Act 2007 (No.90)*.
7. Notes that increased weekend 24 hour train service is a priority in fixing our transport network.
8. Notes that the NSW Government should review its licencing laws for festivals.

August Report

The Residential College Officers would like to warmly welcome back Residents and Affiliates to their Colleges this Semester, we hope all enjoyed a safe and restful holiday. This coming semester is going to be jampacked and we'd like to wish all students luck in their academics and we keenly await to see the results of Rawson, Rosebowl and Palladian competitions (Drews never loose).

It is an exciting start to the semester with our Facebook page finally launched and our Inaugural General Meeting called for the 8th of August. The Residential College Officers and Chairperson would like to extend their gratitude for all the Exec members that have served in various roles this year and further welcomes all those elected tomorrow.

The aims of the Residential College Officers this semester are:

1. Extending our interest and reach of the Collective within the Colleges as well as promoting the SRC.
2. Assisting College Residents to access the services of the SRC.
3. Investigating ways that the Collective and Department can assist in the process of cultural renewal, especially the recommendations of the Broderick review.
4. Meeting the other Office-Bearers, especially the Student Housing Officers, Wom*ns Officers, Sexual Harassment Officers; and discussing areas of mutual cooperation.
5. Fostering a greater open community within the Colleges.

I've also been investigating other parts of the Regulations that need to be redone, in particular Parts 1, 2, 5, 7, 10. I believe the Standing Orders especially can be improved and will be drafting new ones for presentation to the Council shortly. Any feedback is welcome and I will be reaching out to Representatives personally about this changes. These changes will focus on removing redundant parts of the Regulations, and offer increased accountability on the Executive and OBs at Council meetings as well as enabling the Council to run more efficiently. The Collective would also like to give notice, that at a future Council (Oct/Nov/2020), a motion to amend the regulations shall be moved:

- k) The Residential College Officers shall be current Residents, Affiliated Residents or alumni of the following Colleges:
 - i. Sancta Sophia College
 - ii. St Andrew's College
 - iii. St John's College
 - iv. St Paul's College
 - v. Wesley College
 - vi. Women's College

September Report

The Collective Held its first AGM on the 8th, the following were elected to positions at the meeting:

- Deputy-Chair/Vice-President: Annabel De Mestre
- Secretary: Caitlin-Alyssa Brown
- Treasurer: Holly McDonald
- Social Director: Saurav Bansal
- Engagement Director: Nicholas Comino

The current Chairperson and co-Residential College Officer has announced his intention to resign shortly from the Chair of the Collective, citing that *"The Collective should be led by someone actually currently at College."* A departmental meeting will be called shortly to fill the vacancy at which co-Residential College Officer and current VP, Annie will fill the future vacancy. The Collective has also designated Engagement Director Nick, shall fill the vacancy caused by Annie's ascension to the Chair.

The Chairperson attended at the end of August the Rally and Panel for stopping sexual assaults at University campuses, hosted by WoCo. The Collective remains committed to preventing sexual assaults and ensuring that any negative cultures around the areas of consent and respect are stamped out in the Colleges. The Collective will be hopefully working with WoCo to design and present an outcomes-focused consent module for the Colleges O-week next year.

The Collective also helped Sancta Sophia College appeal a decision of the City Sydney Council, which attempted to disallow an event on planning grounds. Unfortunately, students must

contend with draconian and ineffective licencing/planning laws which have ruined the live music scene in NSW and wrecked many businesses. However, after intervention from the Collective, the Central Sydney Planning Committee decided to approve the event. We wish the House Committee and Students Association of Sancta Sophia the best of luck in their event tonight!

The Vice-President is also working on designing a Intercol Noticeboard for launch in the coming weeks. We hope this will serve as a bridge between the community and between the SRC and the Colleges, as well as expanding our reach into the Colleges.

The Chair also has entered discussions with various stakeholders at ANUSA. It's encouraging to know that the structure and Constitution of the Intercol Collective is going to be used for a new Collective at ANU for off-campus students. This relationship is important and the Executive looks forward to comparing strategies to positively benefit residential students at both Councils.

The Collective would like to express its support for the *Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019*, it is paramount that this Bill is passed. All foetus bearing persons deserve to have free, accessible and safe Health Care. I'm sure everyone's already seen the Pulp Article I wrote and I won't fill up more space reiterating my arguments but I will support any motion at this Council raised in support of the Bill. The Collective will support any rally's/marches in support of this Bill and we believe that it is unconscionable that certain members of this Council still refuse to support this.

O7. Report of the Ethno-Cultural Officers

Summary of April Council Report

We're glad to say that the Autonomous Collective Against Racism has been very active this semester. Unfortunately, we weren't able to speak to our lengthy report at last month's Council meeting. To provide a quick summary:

- The collective underwent a big rebrand, expanding our focus to issues that affect POC globally such as Fascism, Imperialism and Colonialism
- We created active Social Media channels

o Rebranded Facebook page: Sydney Uni Autonomous Collective Against Racism

<https://www.facebook.com/usydacar/>

Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1915985238451699/>

o Made an Instagram account: @usydacar

- We had an influx of over 100 candidates in Welcome Week
- We have weekly collective meetings with good attendance from our active members
- We have been attending and reporting on a number of rallies and events relating to racism, colonialism and imperialism such as The David Dungay Coronial Inquest and Protest Israeli Apartheid on Palestinian Land Day
- We held a vigil in commemoration for the victims of the Christchurch Massacre and organised a speak-out against Islamophobia on campus with Unite Against the Far Right

Weekly Meetings and Banner Paints

ACAR has continued to hold weekly meetings; we had one today which went successfully. A recent rally ACAR attended was the Palm Sunday Rally which had a massive turnout. As with previous rallies, our convenors and members of the collective worked on an banner to march with. These banner paints usually follow our weekly meetings.

Reading Groups and Film Screening Groups

Another thing ACAR has been successful in has been conducting reading groups where we are looking at the essentials of the anti-colonialist and anti-imperialist canon. Some of the readings we intend to cover are Edward Said's *Orientalism*, Samir Amin's *Eurocentrism*, V I Lenin's *Imperialism: The Higher Stage of Capitalism* and so on, the first of which we have already conducted a reading group for. We also intend to start running a film screening group in the near future, and are currently looking into the logistics of doing so.

ACAR Honi: Release and Launch

The biggest event in the past month ACAR has dedicated their time to has been ACAR Honi, which has gone very successfully. We received over 30 expressions of interest – including art, poetry, essays, and perspective pieces. The editorial team consisted of eight collective members. We are planning to have a launch party in the next few weeks, and have started planning for this event, looking at venues like Hermanns and The Red Rattler and debating budget structures, fundraising efforts and potential performer lineups for the night. At the moment, we're considering having performances from some of ACAR Honi's contributors, and have allocated some of ACAR's budget to making sure we're able to effectively organise this event. We've estimated that it'll likely cost around \$800 to effectively cater to this event, including venue booking costs and a bar tab, as well as other costs involved in running the event.

Other Autonomous Publications: Queer Honi, Growing Strong

Collective convenors and members of ACAR were on the editorial collective for Queer Honi and are currently working on the Wom*n's Collective's upcoming publication, *Growing Strong*.

Wentworth Must Fall

An upcoming issue ACAR is focusing on is revitalising the *Wentworth Must Fall* campaign – a movement that seeks to rename the Wentworth building, but more importantly, to decolonise the University. One of our convenors wrote a piece about the *Wentworth Must Fall* campaign in dialogue with previous organisers for ACAR Honi to kickstart the campaign again.

Other Events

Members of our collective attended and contributed to the recent *Solidarity and Direct Action Workshop* at The Red Rattler. Collective member Layla Mkh spoke at the event. Members of our collective also attended and spoke at the May Day rally.

ACAR x CRAC

Convenors and members of ACAR have been participating in CRAC, and have gone to meetings, made resources, flyer, and spoken at events such as the *Manus Refugee Speaks Out: Medical Crisis in Offshore Detention* forum. We also attended the Palm Sunday rally together, and worked with CRAC to promote the event.

ACAR x WOCO

ACAR is planning to run an event with WoCo in future. We are currently in discussion with the convenors of WoCo and intend to run some events together in Semester Two.

Budget

Over the last month, ACAR has put together a budget for the upcoming year as a collective. We've asked for funding for ACAR's upcoming events, some minor renovation of the Ethnocultural Space, shirts, tote bags, and the stickers we've already made.

AUGUST REPORT:

It's a new semester, and ACAR is planning to hopefully get things going again now that everyone is back at uni. Over the break, a number of ACAR members went to various rallies and protests, such as the recent pro-choice rally contingents organised by WoCo. A number of these events were also reported on by members of ACAR in publications like Honi Soit. ACAR convenors have collaborated with other USyd collectives to establish a cross collective group specifically relevant to USyd, enabling us all to communicate more clearly and to provide better support to each other. One of the first things this group has communicated about has been the upcoming autonomous edition of Disabilities Honi, as a number of other convenors in the cross collective group have had prior experience with creating autonomous editions of Honi and are able to relay this knowledge and experience to the convenors of this collective. We have discussed how we may be able to support the collective in putting together the edition and have established that we will publish contributor callouts on our respective pages and help with the editing process as much as we can.

ACAR has recently worked with Students for Palestine in helping to get a zine created by the group published through our collective budget.

In terms of budgeting – ACAR has not actually yet received a budget. However, given the dismal state of collective funding this year, very little has been spent.

Hopefully, we'll be able to organise a launch event for our autonomous edition of Honi at some stage, and even create more ACAR-specific resources when details about the budgets are released.

UPCOMING

We have created a student contingent to the upcoming Black Lives Matter rally. It's at 12:30pm at Town Hall on 21 August. Everyone please attend. The SRC should also be promoting this event.

Main Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/401595824033833/>

Student Contingent: <https://www.facebook.com/events/630984874080433/>

Event description:

BLACK LIVES MATTER – STOP BLACK DEATHS IN CUSTODY

This is a public protest organised by family members of Aboriginal men, women and children who have been victims of police brutality in prison, or victims of crime whose cases have stalled or gone cold due to Government racism and inaction.

Black Deaths in Custody is endemic Nation Wide, and has been since 1788. The campaign against Black Deaths in Custody started by Arthur and Leila Murray had made gains in the

form of the 338 recommendations coming out of the Royal Commissions, however State Governments have largely ignored these recommendations, and the murders continue.

It's time to stand tall, draw a line in the sand and demand an end to the racist Police practices that continue to result in Aboriginal people being murdered in prison, or their murder cases being swept under the rug.

Solidarity is key to victory - we call on all individuals and groups who want to stand and fight against State racism and Police brutality to stand with us - united we can win.

We are fighters, not victims, we demand justice NOW.