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**MINUTES** of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee, 93<sup>rd</sup> SRC, held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 in the Office Bearer Room, SRC Offices.

**PRESENT:** Swapnik Sanagavarapu (Chair), Priya Gupta\*, Anne Zhao\*, Yue (Maria) Ge^, Lauran Lancaster, Oscar Chaffey.

Apologies: Roisin Murphy

Absent: Iris Yao and Cole Scott-Curwood.

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Chitra Narayanan

Meeting Opened: 10:45am

\*^Joint position holders, counted together towards quorum.

### **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

The University of Sydney Students Representative Council acknowledges the traditional owners of this land, the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. We pay our respects to the Elders both past and present of the Eora nation and extend that respect to other Aboriginal people present.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Roisin Murphy

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Priya Gupta

The apologies were accepted.

### **3. Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee held the 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Executive Committee held the 9<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Priya Gupta

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **4. Business arising from the minutes**

Anne Zhao asked about the money that was approved for the Honi end of year party, as she didn't recall there being one

Julia Robins noted that it was a request for funding, but that they did not necessarily need to spend it.

## **5. Correspondence**

There was no correspondence but it was noted that in future any Facebook messages pertaining to the Council and Executive would be added to correspondence deidentified.

## **6. Workplace Health and Safety Report**

Welcome folks. It's great to have y'all on board.

### **WHS MODULE**

There is a new one for everyone to do. People will need to do it to get swipe card access.

### **COVID PHONE**

We now have a QR code and the phone number for people to text on arrival and leaving. We still have some problems with people texting in. Can you all please contact your friends and faction members to ask them to text when they arrive and leave. If we can't do this we do risk having the Uni "find alternatives", which may include us having a covid marshal there and limited opening times (through the swipe cards) during office type hours. Costly and inconvenient. So I reckon give everyone a nudge. It's hardest the first time they text in (they have to give their name and that they are arriving or leaving), but after that they can just text "here" or "leaving".

### **FIRE DOOR**

Just a reminder that if you are going into the office during the Christmas close down period (afternoon of the 22nd Dec through to morning of 7 Jan) please do not leave using the backdoor unless there is an emergency. The door will be alarmed during this time, and will need security to shut it down.

### **WELCOME WEEK**

I've already chatted with Priya about some stuff the SRC will need to consider for Welcome Week. When you're making plans for Welcome Week please remember to factor covid in. E.g., try to avoid handing out physical material, and maybe use QR codes to give students information electronically. Give yourselves space on your stalls to enable you to keep a physical distance.

### **LOCK INS**

I'd like to do a 10 minute training session in the new year with folks who come into the office, focusing on procedures for Lock Ins and Evacuations. Can you please have a think about 2 times that would be good for most folks and let me know.

### **FIRST AID KIT**

Just an FYI - I'll restock the first aid kit in January. I might have to spend a few dollars, but it's not normally more than 50 bucks.

### **COVID PLAN**

If you have any questions or comments about the SRC's response to COVID-19 please contact me or the President.

Thanks,  
Mel

Motion: that the report of the Workplace Health & Safety Officer be accepted.

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Lauren Lancaster

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

## **7. Report of the President**

Swapnik Sanagavarapu gave a verbal report

In future this report will have more updates but there is a lot to go over at present:

- Committees
  - Updates to Honours systems and looking to standardise it across the board
    - This is going to be very difficult
    - Rational is currently there are too many variable requirements and it should be consistent across faculties
    - Very early stages of discussion at present
    - Have spoken to the Chair of Academic Board about the inscrutable nature of Honours
    - Raised issues for students who would be applying during the transitional phase
    - There will also be people who will be expected to transition into another degree to completely honours, unsure if the new fee rates would apply to those students
    - Too early to predict timeline for these changes
  - The university is looking into getting rid of type C exams due to concerns with academic dishonestly, and place preference on types D and E.
- Committee System
  - Please sign up for committees and choose what you would like to go to and fill in the google drive document that has been shared
  - When you go to these you will meet with the caseworkers for briefing notes
  - Hoping to raise more issues at AB and UE education
- Priorities for the year
  - Welcome Week is the first priority
    - Important for engagement and recruitment
    - Structure volunteer roles and certificates
      - Good for FoodHub
      - Collectives and events
      - Counter course contributors
      - Talking to past General Secretaries and Education Officers
      - Emphasis on deadlines to the OBs for Welcome Week
  - Can we please get make Slack groups for each of the departments?
    - Yep this will be done when we upgrade our Slack
  - Student Life says we can have induction videos put on everyone's Canvas pages
    - Potentially offer us a professional videographer
  - Julia Robins to talk to Chitra Narayanan about volunteer liabilities
  - Looking into adding more onto the SRC website to make sure news gets out
  - Want to propose more policies to go to University committees
    - Priya asked how to check that the existing policies are
    - Julia noted they are all on the university website but they are hard to find
    - Swapnik Sanagavarapu recommended talking to the caseworkers
  - Want to better engage with the faculty presidents
    - Create more student forums to share information and give feedback to the Uni on the issues facing students.
    - Maria suggested that the SRC run a working documents for student to see what we've been doing

- Remember that all media communications must be approved but the President
- SRC Legal Service, want to expand the services and have student volunteer positions and getting PLT students as volunteers and hiring paralegals

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Priya Gupta

Seconded: Oscar Chaffey

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **8. Report of the Vice Presidents**

Yue (Maria) Ge gave a verbal report

- First year students are learning and living away from campus where it is easier to make friends and now it's harder to engage and harder to learn without those networks
- Want to look into helping build networks between classmates and student to help each other stay on top of important dates and get advice regarding

There was discussion around how to best do this and if it was something that faculty and class reps would be better at managing as there were so many different classes and subjects, and this makes coordination near impossible.

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

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Anne Zhao

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **9. Report of the General Secretaries**

Priya Gupta and Anne Zhao gave a verbal report:

- Getting Welcome Week bags ready
- Looking into volunteer opportunities for student throughout the year
- Looking into a potential Welcome Week party (R.I.P Hermann's Bar)
- Keeping departments up to date on their budgets and the process for that this year.

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

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Oscar Chaffey

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **10. Report of the Administration Manager**

Chitra Narayanan introduced herself to the Executive, noted there was only 4 days left before he office shutdown and welcomed the everyone to the SRC.

The report was noted.

**11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager**

There was no report from the SRC Casework and Policy Manager

**12. SRC Legal Service Report**

There was no report from the SRC legal service

**13. Approval of Payments**

**13.1. Reimbursements**

Swapnik Sanagavarapu (exec): \$229                      Air purifier for the Presidents office

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved:

Seconded:

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**14. Any Other Reports**

**14.1 Report of the Environment Officers**

Lauran Lancaster requested \$3000 from the 92<sup>nd</sup> SRC's Environment Officer budget be donated the Anti-Colonial Asian Alliance for water runs for Walgett, there is no clear on safe drinking water at present in Walgett and it needs to be shipped in. Also, that the digital climate strike went well.

Motion: to accept the report of the Queer Officers including \$3000 from the 92nds budget for water runs

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Priya Gupta

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**14.2 Report of the Queer Officers**

Oscar Chaffey requested \$150 for Pride in Protest shirts

Motion: to accept the report of the Queer Officers including \$150 for shirts

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Anne Zhao

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

**15. Other Business**

**15.1 Swipe Access**

Lia Perkins

Prudence Wilkins-Wheat

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Ashrika Paruthi  
Ida Ayu Amelia Mertha  
Bonnie Huang  
Owen Marsden-Readford  
Drew Beacom  
Madeleine Clark  
Jeffrey Teck Jin Khoo  
Jiayin Xu

Motion: to approve all swipe card applications and all future Office Bearer applications once all required training is complete.

Moved: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

Seconded: Priya Gupta

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

### **15.3 Circulars passed since Last Exec meeting**

\$825.50      NUS delegate, official observer, and media observer attendance NUS NatCon

*The meeting was declared closed at 12:53pm*