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MINUTES of the **11th** meeting of the Executive Committee, 92nd SRC, held on 9th November 2020 via Zoom.

PRESENT: Liam Donohoe (Chair), Liam Thomas*, Felix Faber^, Charlotte Bullock^, Vivienne Goodes, Swapnik Sanagavarapu, and Isla Mowbray.

Apologies: No apologies

Minutes: Julia Robins (taken from recording)

Absent: Abbey Shi, Sonia Gao, Ashley Li

Meeting Opened: 6:08pm

*^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

No apologies were received.

The absence of Abbey Shi, Sonia Gao and Ashley Li was noted.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 26th August 2020 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 26th August 2020 be accepted.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Swapnik Sanagavarapu

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Correspondence

There was no correspondence

6. Workplace Health and Safety Report

The President updated the Executive on staff and students returning to the office in person.

Noting that there was now one member of admin staff in the office almost every day of the week. There was hand sanitiser placed throughout, room capacity limit and a system for checking in to the office for contact tracing. Adding that the Executive needs to a remind and enforce people signing in as it's important for our COVID-19 safety plan.

Motion to accept the Presidents Update on the Office's COVID-19 plans

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Felix Faber

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

7. Report of the President

Liam Donohoe gave a verbal report.

- The SRC Annual elections have been conducted and reps elect will be on Wednesday the 11th. It has been a difficult election season
- SSAF initial submission, nothing of note or very different to last year and we will be getting that plus CPI so we will be able to cover all staffing costs
- There is another SSAF meeting happening tomorrow, when we will find out the process for contestable funding
- Mutual aid campaign update: Julia has been talking to the USU and got us a space in the old wellness lab – this is going to be a joint venture with the USU but we don't have to pay rent so that's good. But we will need to have a paid staff member as we can't rely on volunteer labour at that level. I'm really pleased with how this project has gone. Thank you Julia for getting that off the ground
- There's been a lot a thing happening in the last few months, please read the President's Honi Soit reports for more details
- Starting handover with Swapnik Sanagavarapu , and hopefully this means he starts the Presidency in a really strong position
- Would be nice to have a hand over meeting with the next executive
- The SRC has the ability to appoint two Academic Board Representatives, we can do this or leave it to the next years executive since they will be the ones working together on this
 - o Swapnik Sanagavarapu said he was happy to leave it to next year's Exec, and others agreed that it should go to the incoming's executive's decision
- NUS affiliation – Happy to pay what we paid last year plus inflation
 - o Felix asked that the extra money for affiliation be taken from the money set aside for travel expenses to conferences
 - o Liam Donohoe said that it is probably ok but the University may argue it's not what the money was set aside for. But not wanting to pay the extra is more of a moral stance that the SRC is not here to save the SRC and pay more and not get as much in return
 - o Felix Faber asked if Liam Thomas from his role as NSW president knew the financial situation of the NUS, Liam Thomas said he didn't have the exact numbers but it was probably the difference between a paid office bearer or not
 - o It was floated that we seek more information as to why the increase is there, and also what it could do in increase the SRC's EFTSL count and what more the NUS could do for the SRC.
- Liam Donohoe thanked the Executive for all their work in a difficult year and for going beyond the scope of their role and showed the commitment to student and the student movement. It's been a difficult year and very much looking forward to its end.

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted including the amount set aside in the budget for NUS.

Moved: Felix Faber

Seconded: Isla Mowbray

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

Felix Faber and Charlotte Bullock gave a verbal report

- Main thing has been working on handover, particularly with the clubs committee and hope next year can hit the ground running
- Working in the student life committee and how they want to work on wellbeing and health focus and especially early intervention and preventative resources and while this exec won't be here I hope next keep and eye on that as its going to be important especially after this year student wellbeing is going to be really important.

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

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Vivienne Goodes

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Liam Thomas gave a verbal report

- Volunteer Legal intern position: some law students are raisings concerns that it's an unpaid position.
 - o Swapnik Sanagavarapu comment on this and noted that all law students are required to do this work and in almost all cases this is an unpaid role unless you get a clerkship or a graduate program, and in some instances you actually have to pay to do this training
 - o Liam Donohoe also noted that while ideally you would be paid for this, but there are many instances where people are not paid. I think this would be a good thing to talk to Jahan (acting principal solicitor) about how we think this should be structured
 - o Liam Thomas noted that it was just something we could consider

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

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Charlotte Bullock

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

There was nothing to report

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

There was nothing to report

12. SRC Legal Service Report

There was nothing to report

13. Approval of Payments

13.1. Invoices

\$140	Auslan interpreter for Disabled Honi Launch. (Dis.Co)
\$625	25 Grandmothers against removals T-shirts, (Wo.Co and ACAR)
\$1900	300 T-shirts for Wo.co for fundraising/welcome week 1 colour (Wo.Co) - <i>The extra \$100 is padding for shipping costs</i>
\$2925	250 T-shirts for fundraising/welcome week 4 colours (EAG)

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Liam Thomas

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13.2 Reimbursements

1.1 Reimbursements

\$25	Uber eats voucher as prize for trivia night (Indigenous)
\$409.78	Rainbow masks were purchased for Trans rights rally (QuAC) - <i>This one seems to have sat in circulars without reaching the required number to approve.</i>
\$300	Rad Education Week Welcome to country (Wo.Co)
\$89.70	Masks for BLM and Education rallies (EAG)
\$20.95	Cable to lock computer to desk (staff)

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Charlotte Bullock

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Education Officers

There was no report from the Education Officers

14.2. Report of the Women's Officers

There was not report from the Women's Officer

15. Other Business

15.1 Staff Leave

Melissa De Silva	TIL, 04/09/20, 1 day, 7hours
	AL, 02/10/20 – 14/10/20, 5 days, 35 hours
	AL, 05/10/20 – 08/10/20, 4 days, 12 hours
	AL, 08/10/20 – 08/10/20, 1 days, 7 hours
Breda Dee	TIL, 02/09/20 – 03/09/20, 2 days, 14 hours
	AL, 15/9/20, 1 day, 7 hours
	TIL, 02/10/20 – 06/10/20, 2 days 14 hours
Amanda Lemay	AL and TIL, 13/11/20 – 24/11/20, 6 days, 42 hours
	AL and TIL, 29/09/20 – 01/10/20, 3 days, 17.5 hours

Cade Badawy	TIL, 02/10/20, 1 day, 7 hours
James Campbell	TIL, 06/10/20 – 08/10/20, 3 days, 21 hours
Micky Quick	TIL/AL, LWP, 13/10/20 – 17/11/20, 13 days, 66 hours
Chitra Narayanan	TIL, 15/09/20, 1 day, 7 hours AL, 21/09/20 – 25/09/20, 5 days, 35 hours TIL, 23/10/20, 2 hours
Lorna Pringle	TIL, 21/9/20, 1 day, 7 hours TIL, 26/10/20, 2 hours
Sharon Maher	TIL, 23/9/20, ½ day, 3 hours TIL, 8/10/20 – 09/10/20, 2 days, 14 hours AL, 9/11/20 – 13/11/20, 4 days, 35 hours TIL, 26/10/20, 1 day, 7 hours
Laura Kitsos	SL, 09/09/20, 2 hours AL, 26/9/20, 1 day, 5 hours AL, 30/9/20 – 02/10/20, 3 days, 21 hours AL, 12/10/20, 1 day, 7 hours SL, 16/10/20, 1 day, 7 hours SL, 6/11/20, 1 day, 7 hours AL, 7/1/21 – 18/1/21, 8 days, 56 hours
Julia Robins	TIL, 19/10/20 – 21/10/20, 3 days, 15 hours AL, 04/11/20 – 05/11/20, 2 days, 10 hours AL, 18/11/20 – 20/11/20, 3 days, 15 hours

Motion: that the staff leave be approved en bloc.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Felix Faber

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

15.2 request for extra hours

Dear Exec,

I'm writing to ask for an additional paid 30 hours over the next 6 week (5 additional hours a week on average) this is because while I've been building up a lot of leave I also have, reps elect, induction, the foodbank and O-week preparations to get underway before shutdown on the 23rd, December. While I've been managing it's getting harder and things are starting to get missed. The additional hours will also help me stop accruing so much TIL, as I'm unable to take the more leave at the moment and have already cancelled some to make sure I'm available, and don't think that will change till after O-Week. I've spoken to Chitra about this already, but please check with her to make sure it's all ok from a financial perspective first.

Many thanks

Julia Robins

Motion: that the extra hours for Julia Robins be approved.

Moved: Liam Donohoe

Seconded: Liam Thomas

The motion was put and **CARRIED**.

The meeting was declared closed at 6:52pm