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MINUTES of the 11th meeting of the 94th Executive Committee held via Zoom, on 30th September 2022.

PRESENT: Lauren Lancaster (Chair), Mikaela Pappou*, Emily Story*, Alana Ramshaw^, Grace Lagan^, Daniel Bowron, and Tiger Perkins.

Minutes: Julia Robins

In attendance: Melissa de Silva

Meeting Opened: 10:03am

*^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.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on the 13th September 2022 were distributed.

Motion: that the minutes of the 13th September 2022 be accepted.

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Alana Ramshaw

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

4. Business arising from the minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Workplace Health and Safety Report

Nothing to report

6. Correspondence

N/A

The Chair moved to Agenda item 11: Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

11. Report of the Casework and Policy Manager

Melissa de Silva presented a verbal and written report

Redfern Legal Centre is holding a webinar about Domestic Violence and Tenancy Law. It's \$80 for a recording.

Motion to move in camera

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Grace Lagan

The motion was put and CARRIED.

Meeting moved in camera at 10:07am

Meeting moved ex camera at 10:11am

Motion: that the report of the Casework and Policy Manager be accepted, and that Sharon Maher be appointed acting manager for the duration of Mel's leave.

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Daniel Bowron

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

7. Report of the President

- Brief update on the website development progress
- Graphic design choices and inspiration <https://www.gmsu.org/>

Motion to move the meeting in camera

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Grace Lagan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

Meeting moved in camera at 10:20am

Meeting moved ex camera at 10:40am

Motion to convene a special committee comprised of Alana Ramshaw and Grace Lagan

Moved: Grace Lagan

Seconded: Alana Ramshaw

The motion was put and CARRIED.

- start working on handover documents
- have a joint dinner/lunch with the incoming exec to pass on notes and discuss
- Selection committee exec members to be Lauren Lancaster and Alana Ramshaw

Motion: That the report of the President be accepted.

Moved: Alana Ramshaw

Seconded: Grace Lagan

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

8. Report of the Vice Presidents

- Having a break from FoodHub during the mid-sem
- Looking at the FoodHub's long term viability

- Working with the new Wearhouse manager to help have more efficient movement from storage to the Hub.
- Re-opening after the break

Discussion:

Lauren Lancaster noted that there was invaluable information to hand over so keep detailed notes for the incoming Vice Presidents.

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

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Alana Ramshaw

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

9. Report of the General Secretaries

Election

It's over! Congrats to all of our fantastic incoming councillors! We look forward to seeing everything that the 95th gets up to as we embrace a dignified retirement.

Protests

Alana attended the staff strike at UTS on the 21st, the Abolish the Monarchy protest on the 22nd, and the Climate Strike on the 24th. We both attended the staff and student action on the 15th. All were very good!

Rad Ed

Rad Ed is back from its break over polling week and midsem, we've got a session on the BLF and the Green Bans coming up on Tuesday by our wonderful Ishbel. On Thursday is the lovely Grace Wallman's session on accessibility in campus activism!

Misc

We've been having chats with convenors about preselection's for next year and also about using what's left in their budgets. We are also looking forward to helping out with food hub once it reopens again for the rest of the sem. We're excited to see the next crop of OBs take shape!

Discussion:

Alana Ramshaw said she was looking forward to retirement from student politics.

Tiger Perkins said he dissented to Alana's retirement.

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

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Tiger Perkins

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

10. Report of the Administration Manager

Nothing to report

12. SRC Legal Service Report

Nothing to report

13. Approval of Payments

13.1. Invoices

Typhoid Mary	\$200	Performance for RCP week
Archer	\$200	Performance for RCP week
Boy and Bucket	\$250	Performance for RCP week
William Green	\$200	Performance for RCP week
Parasol	\$150	Performance for RCP week
Troy Beman	\$200	Performance for RCP week
Talia Meli	\$200	Performance for RCP week

Motion: that the invoices be approved en bloc.

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Alana Ramshaw

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

13.2 Reimbursements

Laura Kitsos (staff):	\$17.90	2 Gosper Keys cuts for Electoral Officers
Mickie Quick (staff):	\$124	Replacement printer ink for home office printer
Alana Ramshaw (Rad Ed):	\$84.56	Food for Rad Ed. Pre-K to Post-Grad panel
Mickie Quick (staff):	\$150	2 Otter Subscription renewals.
Monica McNaught-Lee (RCP):	\$4.25	Bar Tab, \$500 already approved this is just the extra

Motion: that reimbursements be approved en bloc.

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Tiger Perkins

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

14. Any Other Reports

14.1. Report of the Welfare Officers

Current Welfare Action Group (WAG) Initiatives

WAG has been holding fortnightly meetings throughout the semester thus far. We have been seeing good attendance at meetings and have been pleased to welcome several new members. Any students interested in student welfare are encouraged to come along to WAG meetings, whether or not they have previously attended. Currently, WAG is working on an initiative targeting the CAPS limit and overall resourcing/access/quality issues surrounding campus mental health services. We successfully passed a motion calling for a removal of the CAPS limit and greater resourcing of CAPS at the September SRC Council meeting. Following this, we are working towards the creation of a public statement, Honi article and open letter in collaboration with our WAG members to bring more attention to the issue. Given the prevalence of mental health issues among University students and the difficulty students report in accessing mental health support, we consider CAPS to be a worthy area of attention in the final quarter of our terms as WAG convenors.

Supporting Foodhub

The Welfare Officers and WAG continue to support the SRC and USU's Foodhub initiative - including through our funding allocation. Some of the Welfare Officers have been volunteering themselves, and we are encouraging WAG members to form an ongoing contingent. Cole Scott-Curwood (USU President) attended a recent WAG meeting to discuss how WAG can help support volunteer sign-ups for Foodhub, as well as exploring other potential avenues for supporting the initiative. Following discussion with Scott-Curwood and the SRC VPs, we are planning to produce a series of posters to be put up around the University campus, which will promote WAG meetings and volunteer sign-ups for Foodhub in conjunction with each other.

Upcoming WAG Preselection

As we near the end of our terms as WAG convenors, we will be holding a preselection in the next few weeks to select our 2023 convenor(s). We are beginning the process of appointing an RO and producing a callout outlining the preselection process and policy. WAG members interested in running for preselection or serving as RO should reach out to the current WAG convenors.

Welfare x Disabilities Projects

The Welfare Officers continue to collaborate with the SRC and SUPRA Disabilities Officers as well as DisCo on their initiatives. As always, we want to emphasise the importance of disability justice to student and community welfare. Some of the Welfare Officers are disabled-identifying and continue to be involved in the process of developing the campus Disability Room, including ongoing consultation regarding issues like furniture choices and accessibility measures. We commend everyone who has been involved with working towards the Disabilities Space, especially the SRC Disabilities Officers.

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

Moved: Lauren Lancaster

Seconded: Alana Ramshaw

The motion was put and **CARRIED.**

The meeting was declared closed at 11:00am