

Minutes of Meeting 16/12 of the **Representatives-elect of the UTS Students' Association (UTSSA) Student Representative Council** held at **Friday 2 December 2016** in the Activist Space, Level 3, UTS Building 1

Present:

- Beatrice Tan (President and Chair)
- Luke Chapman (Secretary)
- Lachlan Barker (Treasurer)
- Adrian Rook (Postgraduate Officer)
- Edward Strong (General Councillor)
- James Willson (General Councillor)
- Cameron Hart (General Councillor)
- Christine Saunders (General Councillor)
- Heba Niem (General Councillor)
- Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff (General Councillor)
- David Grover (Broadway Campus Convenor)
- Bijay Sapkota (Undergraduate Member of University Council)
- Michael Rosser (Postgraduate Member of University Council)
- Norma Cooper (General Councillor)

In Attendance:

- Christine Kibble (Returning Officer)
- Paulene Graham (Deputy Returning Officer)
- Kiên Lê Board
- Lachlan Wykes
- Sammy Howes (2016 President)
- Kirra Jackson
- Jack Begbie
- Enoch Mailangi
- Jennifer Worgan

Apologies:

- Leya Reid (Womens' Officer)
- Harrison Stanton (General Councillor)
- Sharna Godbold (General Councillor)
- India Bennett (Markets Campus Convenor)
- Peter Zacharatos (General Councillor)

The meeting commenced at 6:04pm

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The incumbent President Sammy Howes was absent for the beginning of the meeting. In her absence Luke Chapman moved that President-elect Beatrice Tan Chair the meeting.

MOTION C16/1

That Beatrice Tan be appointed as Chair of the meeting.

Moved: Luke Chapman

Motion Carried (Beatrice Tan and Lachlan Barker abstained from the vote)

2. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chair acknowledged the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation and their elders past, present, and future as the traditional owners and custodians of knowledge upon whose land the University now stands. The Chair extended this respect to all Aboriginal people present at the meeting. The Chair also acknowledged that the Aboriginal peoples of this land were subject to a racist, genocidal and unreconciled dispossession which continues to this day, but that they retain a strong connection to the land despite it, sovereignty was never ceded.

3. NAME AND PRONOUN ROUND

4. Quorum Count

The Returning Officer conducted a quorum count and declared the meeting quorate.

5. Apologies and Proxies

The Returning Officer informed the meeting that the UTSSA constitution and by-laws do not currently contain provisions which establish or regulate the use of proxy votes at SRC meetings, however there is a long standing convention that councillors may proxy their vote to another councillor in the event that they are not able to attend the meeting.

MOTION C16/2

That the UTSSA SRC endorses the use of a proxy voting system, whereby a councillor who is absent from a meeting may proxy their vote in writing to another councillor who is present.

Moved: Cameron Hart

MOTION CARRIED

Leya Reid sent their apologies and proxied to Luke Chapman.

Harrison Stanton sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Norma Cooper, [2] Adrian Rook, [3] Beatrice Tan, [4] Peter Zacharatos, [5] Michael Rosser, [6] Luke Chapman, [7] Leya Reid, [8] Edward Strong.

Sharna Godbold sent their apologies and proxied to Christine Saunders.

India Bennett sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Lachlan Barker, [2] Heba Niem. [3] David Grover, [4] Christine Saunders, [5] Cameron Hart.

Motion C16/3

That the apologies and proxies of Leya Reid, Harrison Stanton, Sharna Godbold, and India Bennett be received.

Moved: Luke Chapman

MOTION CARRIED (James Wilson and Cameron Hart abstained from the vote)

The 2016 President Sammy Howes entered the meeting

6. Incumbent President's Speech

The 2016 President of the UTSSA, Sammy Howes spoke to the meeting about the achievements of the UTSSA throughout 2016.

7. Endorsement of miscellaneous officers

7.1 Endorsement of the Broadway Campus Committee Representative

7.2 Endorsement of the Markets Campus Committee Representative

The UTSSA constitution defines the membership of the Campus Committees.

12.1 Each Campus Committee shall consist of:

12.1.1 A Campus Convenor elected from and by students whose primary place of study is the Campus;

12.1.2 A Campus Secretary elected from and by the students whose primary place of study is the Campus;

12.1.3 Ten General Representatives elected from and by students whose primary place of study is the Campus.

12.1.4 a Women's Representative elected by and from women members whose primary place of study is the Campus;

12.1.5 Students' Representatives on a Faculty Board whose Primary place of study is the Campus;

12.1.5.1 All Students' Representatives on Faculty Boards shall be notified in writing by the Secretary of the Students' Representative Council of their eligibility for membership of the applicable Campus Committee at the time of their election or appointment and shall be allowed three weeks to accept the offer.

Once validly formed the committees may elect a representative to be a voting member of the UTSSA SRC. The current students elected to faculty boards were elected during the second semester of 2016. At the time of their election the then Secretary Lachlan Barker did not write to student representatives on faculty boards to inform them of their eligibility for membership of the applicable Campus Committees. Luke Chapman stated his intention as the new Secretary to inform these students of their eligibility to participate in the campus committees in accordance with the constitution. After campus committees are validly formed they may hold meetings to elect a representative to the UTSSA SRC. David Grover asked if motions moved at purported meeting of the campus committees were valid. Luke Chapman clarified that as these purported meetings were invalid, any motions passed at these meetings were also invalid. Campus committee members can submit these motions to the first valid meetings of the committees.

Beatrice Tan passed the Chair of the meeting to the Returning Officer to conduct the election of the Education Vice-president, Assistant Secretary, Welfare officer, and Director of Student Publications.

8. Election of Education Vice-President (EVP)

The role of Education Vice-President is detailed in part 10 of the constitution;

10.9 The Education Vice-President shall:

10.9.1 be responsible for matters directly or indirectly affecting the education members of the Association;

10.9.2 act as Chairperson of the Equal Opportunity Committee;

10.9.3 in the President's absence or desire not to so act, assume the position of Chairperson at meetings of the Association;

10.9.4 shall be recognised means of communication between the students and the academic and non-academic staff relating to the educational welfare of the members of the Association;

10.9.5 be available for student consultations of matters affecting the educational interests of any member of the Association; and

10.9.6 provide a written report on the President's activities to every general meeting of the Students' Representative Council.

The EVP shall be elected from the members of the SRC and is eligible for an honorarium of approximately \$19,760 annum.

The Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Education Vice-President. David Grover nominated Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff. Beatrice Tan nominated Norma Cooper.

Each candidate was offered two minutes to address the meeting. Norma Cooper spoke to her nomination followed by Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff.

9. Election of Assistant Secretary

The role of Assistant Secretary is defined in part 10 of the constitution;

10.12 The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary.

The Assistant Secretary is eligible for an honorarium of approximately \$4,940 per annum.

The Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Assistant Secretary. Luke Chapman nominated James Wilson. Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff nominated Christine Saunders.

Each candidate was offered two minutes to address the meeting. James Wilson spoke to his nomination followed by Christine Saunders.

The Returning Officer announced that the result for Education Vice-President was 7 votes for Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff to 12 votes for Norma Cooper.

Norma Cooper was elected as the Education Vice-President for 2017.

The Returning Officer announced that the result for Assistant Secretary was 7 votes for Christine Saunders to 12 votes for James Wilson.

James Wilson was elected as the Assistant Secretary for 2017.

10. Election of Welfare Officer

The role of Welfare Officer is defined in section 1 of the by-laws which state;

1.13 The Welfare Officer Shall:

- 1.13.1 Work within the Students' Association and University to promote the general welfare of students both on and off campus.
- 1.13.2 Work to educate students and staff of the University about welfare and low socio-economic and social inclusion matters with a view to challenge and change education policies at all relevant levels of society.
- 1.13.3 Be a student who identifies as being from a low socio-economic background.

The Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of Welfare Officer. Edward Strong nominated Lachlan Wykes. Christine Saunders nominated Enoch Mailangi.

Each candidate was offered two minutes to address the meeting. Lachlan Wykes spoke to his nomination followed by Enoch Mailangi.

The Returning Officer announced that the result for Welfare Officer was 7 votes for Enoch Mailangi to 12 votes for Lachlan Wykes.

Lachlan Wykes was elected as the Welfare Officer for 2017.

11. Election of Director of Student Publications (DSP)

Section 4 of the by-laws defines the role of DSP as follows;

4.1 There shall be a Director of Student Publications (DSP) whose duties shall be:

- 4.1.1 To act as publisher of all publications of the Association.
- 4.1.2 To be solely responsible for making arrangements for the printing of any material ordered by the SRC to be printed.
- 4.1.3 To make recommendations to the SRC on any matters affecting the publications of the Association.
- 4.1.4 To protect the SRC from possible legal action by deleting any material of the Association which, in the opinion of the DSP, may involve the Association in civil or criminal liability, including defamation, contempt and copyright.
- 4.1.5 To enact Association policy by deleting any material published by the Association that is discriminatory on the basis of sex, sexuality, race, ethnicity or disability – provided that the Letters to the Editor section of Vertigo is excluded from this.

The Returning Officer called for nominations for the position of DSP. Norma Cooper nominated Cameron Hart. David Grover nominated Kiên Lê Board and Lauren Meola. Kiên Lê Board asked if it were possible to run on a combined ticket with two or three people. James Wilson stated that this has occurred in the past. The Returning Officer clarified that the constitution and by-laws only allow for a single candidate to hold the position.

Each candidate was offered two minutes to address the meeting. Cameron Hart addressed the meeting followed by Kiên Lê Board.

The Returning Officer announced that the result for DSP was 3 votes for Lauren Meola, 4 votes for Kiên Lê Board and 12 votes for Cameron Hart.

Cameron Hart was elected as the Director of Student Publications for 2017.

At the conclusion of the election the RO returned the Chair to Beatrice Tan.

At 6:38pm Lachlan Barker left the meeting and proxied his vote to David Grover.

12. Minutes from the SRC Meeting held 24 October 2016

This item was moved for consideration at the next meeting of the SRC.

13. Election of Ethno-Cultural Officer

This item was moved for consideration at the next meeting of the SRC.

14. Close of Meeting

Beatrice Tan closed the meeting at 6:42pm.

Signed as a correct record

Chair

Date