

SRC Executive Meeting #2

14-1-15

Members Attending: Dean Mattar (President), Jess Xu (Secretary), Brigida Johns (Treasurer)*

Observers: Akshay Raj (SRC Councillor), James Wilson (Vertigo Editor)*, Melanie Wilson (Postgraduate Officer), Max Murphy (SRC Councillor)*, Luke Chapman (Markets Campus Convenor)

Names marked with an asterisk () indicate people that were present for part of the meeting.*

Agenda:

1. Acknowledgement of Country
2. Apologies and proxies
3. Declarations of interest
4. Intersectional Archive
5. UTSSA Google Business Accounts
6. Stipend and Honorarium commencement date
7. Mobile Phone Renewal *
8. Reimbursement of travel expenses for NUS delegates *
9. Handover of Overseas Students Officer Email address to Tracy Tang*.
10. Allocate funds to purchase storage product for digital archiving*.
11. Vertigo News Conference *
12. Vertigo Google Business Accounts
13. President Summit
14. Other Business

Meeting Opened: 6.03pm

PLEASE NOTE: all motions and expenditures of this meeting were carried as emergency expenditures by the SRC in [16-1-15 Meeting in motion 4.8](#), as it was seen that Max's vote on SRC Executive has not been confirmed.

Amendments, as carried in [16-1-15 SRC Meeting in motion 4.7](#), have been made to note declarations of interests that were declared by Akshay Raj and Luke Chapman in motion 8 regarding reimbursement of NUS National Conference travel.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

Dean delivered an acknowledgement of country.

2. Apologies and proxies

None were noted.

3. Declarations of interest

The SRC Executive (Dean, Brigida, Max, Jess, Luke) will be discussing their stipend pay commencement dates.

Agenda points 4, 5, 6, 12 were passed on bloc. The agenda points marked with an asterisk (*) were starred for discussion.

4. Intersectional Archive

Motion: The Wom*n's Officer is submitting a motion, based on the Student Archive project commissioned last year, to pass an upper spending limit of \$200 on an External Hard Drive for storing master files of the Archived materials.

I have attached the minutes from the WoCo and Exec meeting where this spending was passed as evidence of a precedent. The spending is agenda point 6 in the WoCo minutes and agenda point 7 in the Exec. (see attached)

As it stands the \$500 put towards web hosting and development has already been paid, leaving only the Hard Drive to be purchased in order to properly complete the task.

Mover: Max

Secunder: Dean

Abstaining: Luke

Passed on bloc.

5. UTSSA Google Business Accounts

Motion 5.1: To pay the UTSSA bill for Google Business Accounts, due 1 Feb 2015, to the amount of \$79.16 in total for Google Apps for Work for each office bearer.

Mover: Max

Secunder: Dean

Abstaining: Luke

Passed on bloc.

Motion 5.2: To pay the UTSSA bill for Google Domain Registration, due 12 Feb 2015, to the amount of \$13 in total for the utsstudentsassociation.org domain name.

Mover: Max

Seconded: Dean

Abstaining: Luke

Passed on bloc.

6. Stipend and Honorarium commencement date

Motion: to clarify that the 2015 SRC Term of Office begins at 4:01pm Sunday 7 Dec 2014, according to 9.3.4 of the SA Constitution. The commencement date of 2015 SRC Term of Office is taken to be Monday 8 Dec 2014, as Sunday is outside of usual working hours.

Therefore the first fortnightly reporting period is Mon 8 Dec - Sun 21 Dec 2014, with the first reporting date on Sun 21 Dec. The following timesheets would be due every fortnightly Sunday eg. 4 Jan 2015, 18 Jan, 1 Feb etc.

Distribution of this information to SRC and Office Bearers is to be the responsibility of the Treasurer. The President/Secretary will inform the Executive Officer of these details.

Mover: Max

Seconded: Dean

Abstaining: Luke

Passed on bloc.

7. Mobile Phone Renewal *

Preamble: We will be renewing two mobile phone contracts. Mariah, the Executive Officer, has recommended we move to an unlimited plan, so we don't go over the set mobile plan, as it happened consistently in 2014.

It was noted that you can go over data limits on 'unlimited' plans. There was discussion of pre-paid plan with a medium range phone as being a more cost-efficient option.

Dean will continue researching & provide more phone plan options at the next meeting.

8. Reimbursement of travel expenses for NUS delegates *

Motion 8.1: to approve \$104.50 reimbursement for Sammy Howes out of the Conference Budget.

Motion 8.2: to approve \$100.80 reimbursement for Luke Chapman out of the Conference Budget.

Luke declared a conflict of interest regarding this reimbursement.

Motion 8.3: to approve \$59.93 reimbursement for Tracy Tang out of the Conference Budget.

Motion 8.4: to approve \$70.68 reimbursement for Fabian Vergara out of the Conference Budget.

Motion 8.5: to approve \$161.65 reimbursement for Akshay Raj out of the Conference Budget.

Akshay Raj declared a conflict of interest regarding this reimbursement.

James noted that as a Media Observer, he was entitled to full reimbursement.

The costings of reimbursements for Max Murphy and Rayan Calimlim as NUS National Conference Delegates approved in SRC Exec Meeting #1 on 18-12-14 are as follows:

Max - full reimbursement of \$138.46 flight, according to 5-11-14 SRC 2014 meeting.

Rayan - full reimbursement of \$178.00 flight, according to 5-11-14 SRC 2014 meeting.

Motion 8.6: Dean will inquire into whether the NUS Delegates are entitled to full reimbursement. If they are, the policy of full reimbursement to NUS National Conference will be followed for all delegates & observers.

If not, the regular Conference Budget policy will be followed with 55% reimbursement.

Mover: Dean

Secunder: Jess Xu

Abstaining & declaring conflict of interest: Luke Chapman and Akshay Raj

PLEASE NOTE: declarations of interest here have been amended here as per [motion 4.7 carried in SRC Meeting](#).

Motions 8.1 - 8.6 passed.

6:24pm Melanie Wilson entered the meeting.

9. Handover of Overseas Students Officer Email address to Tracy Tang

There was discussion on mitigating the issue. Dean will be following it up and Luke expressed interest in moving a motion at Friday's SRC Meeting.

10. Allocate funds to purchase storage product for digital archiving

Motion: to set an upper spending limit of \$300 on an external hard drive and allocate an email address with the Google Business Account for online storage purposes.

Mover: Brigida

Secunder: Dean

Abstaining: Luke

Motion passed.

11. Vertigo News Conference

Motion 11.1: to approve reimbursement for Sky Bus travel in addition to Conference Budget reimbursement.

Mover: Brigida

Secunder: Jess

Abstaining: Luke

Motion passed.

Motion 11.2: to approve \$193.10 per person reimbursement from the Conference Budget to the Vertigo Editors (totalling \$1158.60), including the Sky Bus travel.

Mover: Brigida

Secunder: Jess

Abstaining: Luke

Motion passed.

12. Vertigo Google Business Accounts

Motion: To reimburse \$63.70 to Allison Bermingham (Vertigo 2015).

Mover: Max

Secunder: Dean

Abstaining: Luke

Passed on bloc.

13. President Summit

Preamble: The conference will be running for 3 days from the 28th - 30th in January in Sydney with the exact location and agenda to be confirmed.

Presidents Summit is a chance for new campus presidents to meet each other, receive media training and participate in workshops about student activism and NUS in 2015. We will be hosting workshops, lectures, panels and discussions over the conference. It is also a great opportunity to meet all the NUS office bearers and engage in the campaigns they will be running in 2015.

It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet other campus presidents from across the country and see how campus organisations are run.

Registration for President's Summit the year will be \$350 per attendee which covers hire of the venue, transport for the speakers and other incidentals.

14. Other Business

Melanie Wilson wanted to clarify the distinction between Postgraduate Collective & Postgraduate Representatives Union (PRU).

Dean clarified that PRU was founded in mid 2014, and the UTS Council has yet to formally recognise PRU. PRU needs to submit a Constitution to the SRC and then to the UTS Council.

Dean understood that UTSSA recognises that PRU is their own union, and we support them. PRU would be similar to SUPRA at Sydney Uni.

Currently, there would be a separation between the Postgrad Collective and PRU.

6.45pm Brigida left the meeting

Luke wanted to clarify the nature of Office Bearers, SRC Reps, and Collectives. Luke wanted to access existing Constitutions of Collectives.

Dean clarified that each Collective needs to provide minutes of who the Collective wants to endorse as their representatives.

Melanie wanted more clarification on the distinction between elected SRC Reps and the endorsed representatives of autonomous bodies.

Dean clarified that the role of the SRC Reps represents all students within that electorate. With Collective Office Bearers, they are endorsed by the Collective as noted by a minuted motion passed in Collective meeting.

Luke was concerned about election and stipend pay processes being made on the run.

Melanie was concerned about meeting procedures, which are conducted solely online.

Dean explained that Jess & Dean are looking to have more strict election periods for Office Bearers / Collective representatives. Meeting procedures would be defined by the Collective themselves, and online meetings are fine as long as there is notice. Dean will contact Collective Office Bearers with a guide on meeting procedures.

6:55pm Max and James left the meeting.

Meeting closed: 6:57pm