

**MINUTES OF SRC MEETING #3
OF THE UTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION
DUE TO BE HELD AT 11:30AM 27 MARCH 2015**

**IN THE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION ACTIVIST SPACE (Level 3, Room 18)
UTS TOWER BUILDING 1, ULTIMO**

Please note that these are draft minutes that are yet to be reviewed and passed at an SRC meeting.

Members Attending:

Observers:

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. Passing of Minutes from Previous Meetings
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 - 4.3 [17-3-15 SRC Executive Meeting #4](#)
5. President's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Education Vice President's Report
8. Kuring-gai UTSSA Office
9. Clarification of By-laws & Constitution and advice received from the Executive officer
10. Financial proof for Textbook Equity Scheme (TES)
11. 2014 Audit of UTS Students' Association (UTSSA)
12. Reimbursements for Rad Sex and Consent Week
13. Repeal Motion 5 'Palestine Solidarity' from 2014 SRC
14. Membership of the UTSSA Facebook working group
15. Facebook group members and real names
16. Post constitution and meeting minutes on the UTSSA Website
17. Constitutions and governing documents of Collectives and Departments

18. Clarification of the usage of the terms “Collective” and “Department”
19. Provide Notice of Leave
20. Regulations and Rules
21. Contact Returning Officer Casual Vacancies
22. Post constitution and meeting minutes on the UTSSA Website
23. Membership of Andy Zephyr
24. PERC Club list
25. Caseworker Database
26. Other business

Meeting opened: 11.28am

QUORUM was not reached.

Meeting lapsed at 11.31am.

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies and proxies

Tracy Tang sent apologies, and proxied to [1] Fabian Vergara

- [2] Aaron Colley
- [3] Moe Rumman
- [4] Brigida Johns
- [5] Luke Chapman
- [6] Sam Howes
- [7] Ben Jackson
- [8] Akshay Kumar
- [9] Melanie Wilson
- [10] Ellyse Harding

Mohamed Rumman sent apologies, and proxied to [1] Ben Jackson [2] Aaron Colley [3] Melanie Wilson [4] Brigida Johns [5] Luke Chapman [6] Sam Howes [7] Fabian Vergara [8] Akshay Kumar [9] Tracy Tang [10] Ellyse Harding

Melanie Wilson sent apologies, and proxied to [1] Brigida Johns

- [2] Aaron Colley
- [3] Moe Rumman
- [4] Ben Jackson
- [5] Luke Chapman
- [6] Sam Howes
- [7] Fabian Vergara
- [8] Akshay Kumar

[9] Tracy Tang
[10] Ellyse Harding

Ellyse Harding sent apologies and proxied to [1] Sam Howes

[2] Aaron Colley
[3] Moe Rumman
[4] Brigida Johns
[5] Luke Chapman
[6] Sam Howes
[7] Ben Jackson
[8] Akshay Kumar
[9] Melanie Wilson
[10] Ben Jackson

Akshay Kumar sent apologies and proxied to

1. Luke Chapman
2. Aaron Colley

Lawrence Warren sent apologies and proxied to 1. Sarah Mulhearn and 2. Max Murphy

Jake Witchard sent apologies and proxied to 1. Charlene Humphries 2. Max Murphy

In the case of not being able to Skype/phone in, Jennifer Pham sent apologies and proxied to Jess Xu.

Partial proxies

In the case of being late, Charlene sent apologies and proxied to Sarah.

After 2pm, Brigida would like to proxy to Luke Chapman

After 2pm, Sarah Mulhearn would like to proxy to [1] Dean M, [2] Jess X, [3] Sashin R, [4] Charlene H, [5] Jake W, [6] Max M.

3. Declarations of interest

None were noted.

4. Passing of Minutes from Previous Meetings

4.1 [6-2-15 SRC Meeting #2](#)

4.2 [10-2-15 SRC Executive Meeting #3](#)

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5. President's Report

Please see attachment

6. Secretary's Report

[Please see attachment](#)

7. Education Vice President's Report

Please see attachment

8. Kuring-gai UTSSA Office

Submitted by Kate (PRU Convenor).

Access to the UTSSA Kuring-gai office has been tricky in the past year when Kuring-gai Munchbar has been running, and the difficulties have continued this year. This is a solution so we can come and go without bothering security all the time, and also don't need to deal with city security, who seem to have caused the problem in the first place!

Motion: That UTSSA authorise Kuring-gai security to change the tumbler on the Kuring-gai Students' Association office door lock, to allow us to have our own keys again.

9. Clarification of By-laws & Constitution and advice received from the Executive officer

Tabled by Luke

10. Financial proof for Textbook Equity Scheme (TES)

Tabled by Brigida.

11. 2014 Audit of UTS Students' Association (UTSSA)

Tabled by Brigida.

12. Reimbursements for Rad Sex and Consent Week

Tabled by Sarah Mulhearn (Wom*n's Officer)

Sarah submitted this agenda point along with following motions passed in Wom*n's Collective meetings on 2 March and 9 March.

6. Food for Rad Sex and Consent Week (from 2 March meeting)

Potential for WoCo to spend money for pizza or other foods (e.g. fruit) for the week. There was discussion about donating vegan sausages. Jess A and Melody noted they may be able to assist w/ Vegan sausages. Jess A suggested we may be able to obtain fruit via Bluebird.

Motion: To pass \$100 to be reimbursed later for the purchase of foods for Rad Sex and Consent Week.

Moved: Melody

Second: Michelle

CARRIED [Unanimous]

6. Spending for Rad Sex and Consent Week (from 9 March meeting)

There was an extension on spending for the Rad Sex and Consent Week kick off event, specifically by Divina Blanca, so Sarah suggested that an extension should be made to the upper spending limit for the event.

Motion: to pass an additional upper spending limit of \$50 for the reimbursement of funds spent on Rad Sex and Consent Week by Divina Blanca.

Moved: Drew

Seconded: Nidhi

Abstained: Divina

CARRIED

Motion: to approve reimbursement of Divina Blanca for funds spent on Rad Sex and Consent Week, as detailed in [receipts attached](#).

10. Repeal Motion 5 'Palestine Solidarity' from 2014 SRC

Tabled by Ben Jackson (Ku-ring-gai Campus Convenor).

Background On August 7 2014 the UTSSA passed a motion pertaining to the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict in Gaza. The following is an extract from the minutes of said meeting:

5. Palestine solidarity

The following motion was passed by the UTSSA SRC at the meeting. A complimentary [sic] motion was also passed by the UTS Muslim Society.

Motion:

1. That the University of Technology Sydney Students Association affirms their support for and commitment to the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions campaign against Israel.
2. That the University of Technology Sydney Students Association condemns the ongoing massacres in Gaza, which to date has killed over 1,900 people, displaced over 100,000 and injured thousands more.
3. That the University of Technology Sydney Students Association expresses support and solidarity to the Palestinian resistance against the apartheid and imperialist state of Israel and its current war, and condemns any attempts to equate the actions of the occupied with that of the occupier.
4. That the University of Technology Sydney Students Association condemns the following office bearers in the National Union of Students - National General Secretary Isabelle Kingshott, National Welfare Officer Jack Boyd and National Ethno-Cultural Officer Daniel Nikoloski - for taking part in the upcoming Australia Israel and Jewish Affairs Council's Rambam Israel Fellowship program, which involves an all-expenses paid trip to Israel. University of Technology Sydney Students Association recognises that to visit Apartheid Israel in this context and via this program is to be complicit in its ethnic cleansing of the Palestinian people.

Moved: Kate

Seconded: Chris

Source: UTSSA Website

<<http://www.sa.uts.edu.au/sites/default/files/Documents/sites/default/files/Documents/7-8-14%20SRC%20Meeting%20DRAFT%20minutes.pdf>>

Motion

The motion carried at the 2014 August 7 meeting of the UTSSA, was politically partisan and took aim at the State of Israel, AUJS at UTS and made the Students Association take a partisan stance on a geopolitical conflict over 14,000 kilometres away.

The UTSSA has a proud history of remaining a body that provides services to students on campus and standing up against discrimination. Members of the UTSSA are

encouraged to have their own views on any geopolitical conflict or issue, however there should be no partisan motions that alienate students from participating in the UTSSA, such as in this case.

Motions such as these inflict duress on Jewish students, and cause an unnecessary level of conflict, hatred and victimisation on campus. Discrimination of any form has no place at UTS.

For the good of both Jewish and Palestinian students, it is best that UTSSA not involve itself the conflict. The UTSSA remains committed to supporting all students at UTS, regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, religion or any other basis.

Actions:

- The UTSSA repeals the motion in entirety.
- The UTSSA reaffirms their opposition to all forms of discrimination and apologises for duress caused to students.

11. Membership of the UTSSA Facebook working group

Tabled by Luke Chapman (Assistant Secretary).

Background: The *UTSSA Working Group 2015* Facebook group has proven a useful forum for organising. Currently membership is defined in the description as a; “space for members of the 2015 UTSSA including, office bearers, elected members, ex-officio members, councillors, observers, committee members and members of collectives.” <https://www.facebook.com/groups/utssa2015/members/>

Membership as of 10.03.2015 is 39 people. Opening membership to all collective members would unintentionally allow non-members of the UTSSA to join the working group e.g. non-students who are collective members and could also lead to a dramatic increase in the groups size limiting its effectiveness as an organising space for the executive.

Motion: A member of the executive will amend the description and membership criteria of the *UTSSA Working Group 2015* Facebook group to the following;

“Check this space for important announcements and reminders of upcoming UTSSA events and meetings.

This is a working and information space for elected and ex-officio student representatives of the UTSSA, Campus committee members, UTS National Union of Student delegates and nominated representatives or co-representatives of collectives. All members must be current students of UTS.

Please be polite and respect all members, bullying and heckling will not be tolerated. This is not a forum for political discussion or debate, save discussion points for meetings.

If you have any grievances please contact one of the page admins immediately to have any issues resolved.”

12. Facebook group members and real names

Tabled by Luke Chapman (Assistant Secretary).

Background: Some members of the UTSSA Working Group 2015 use pseudonyms for their profiles. This causes issues of identification for the purposes of monitoring membership of the group.

Motion: Members who use pseudonyms for their facebook profile shall email the secretary providing their name and profile name. The Secretary will produce and maintain a list detailing members’ names, profile names, and position granting the member access to the group. The secretary shall make this list available to all members of the executive at the next meeting.

13. Constitutions and governing documents of Collectives and Departments

Background: Currently there is no central record of the constitutions or governing documents of collectives. Ensuring that constitutions are available to students is a cornerstone of good governance and transparency.

Motion: The President shall request copies of all the collective/department constitutions and governing documents and email a copy of each to every member of the UTSSA as they become available. Where the collective/department has no such documents the President will send an email to all members of the UTSSA

notifying them of this. When possible the constitutions will be made available on the UTSSA website.

14. Clarification of the usage of the terms “Collective” and “Department”.

Tabled by Fabian Vergara.

Background: The terms “Collective” and “Department” have been used interchangeably to describe the various groups the UTSSA supports. The Constitution includes multiple uses of the terms “committee” and “collective” to describe groups with the same purpose. This is bad practice as it is a source of confusion and can obscure the endorsed nature of the group and any rights or responsibilities they have within the Student Association.

Motion: At the next meeting of the UTSSA, after consultation with relevant stakeholders, the President will present an official guide detailing the difference between a department and collective and a list of the various groups titles and how they have chosen to identify.

15. Provide Notice of Leave

Tabled by Luke Chapman (Assistant Secretary)

Background: From time to time executive members of the association may take voluntary leave. Taking leave without giving notice disrupts the business of the association.

Motion: Members of the executive shall give 7 days notice to all members of their intention to take leave including date of commencement and date of return. The executive member will also set up an out of office reply during the duration of their leave. If a period or periods of leave are longer than one fortnight, the association will cease payment of honorarium or stipend until the member returns. In cases of emergency the member shall notify the president as soon as possible, the president will then make a broadcast email to all members.

16. Regulations and Rules

Tabled by Sam Howes.

Background: There has been much talk of UTSSA policies and regulations governing the business of the UTSSA however such regulations and rules have only being made available at the discretion of the president. A central folder of all policies should be available to all members of the UTSSA to educate members on their roles and responsibilities.

Motion: That the President collects all existing UTSSA policies, charters, rules, and regulations, making them available to all members in a central and easily accessible location that is preferably digital for members to access to by the next meeting.

17. Contact Returning Officer Casual Vacancies

Tabled by Sam Howes.

Background There are a number of casual vacancies that need to be filled in the UTSSA, UTSSA committees and Campus Committees.

Motion The President shall contact the returning officer within 10 days requesting that they organise elections to fill vacant positions in accordance with the constitution and electoral regulations.

18. Post constitution and meeting minutes on the UTSSA Website

Background

The UTSSA website allows the association to be more transparent in its business by making available to all students the governing documents and records of business conducted at these meetings.

Motion

For the Secretary to post the constitution and bylaws and minutes from general meetings on the UTSSA website for the public to view. The secretary will provide a progress report at the next meeting.

19. Membership of Andy Zephyr

Background

The UTSSA constitution states;

“1.3.2 A person ceases to be a member of the Association when they cease to

be a registered student of the University.”.

Motion

For the Secretary to fulfil their role under section 10.11 and section 10.11.1.2.1 to notify members of resignations and casual vacancies. The Secretary shall send a broadcast email to all members of the Student Association informing them of the membership status of Andy Zephyr.

20. PERC Club list

Background

There is currently no list generally available to SA members listing Political Educational and Religious Groups (PERC) clubs that are registered with the UTSSA, detailing club contact and executive. Such a list would be helpful to members seeking to collaborate with clubs and help them organise events and seek funding.

Motion

That the Secretary provides a list of all currently registered PERC clubs, their executives, and contact information, to be presented to members by the next general meeting

21. Caseworker Database

Tabled by Max Murphy.

Preamble: At current the two caseworkers hired by the UTSSA do not have anything by way of a database. They have a filing cabinet that keeps the records of all their clients and some cases date back many years. This is problematic in that there is no way by which to obtain any data about particular subjects or members of staff. Having a database would help identify subjects that have a particularly high level of failure or complaints that name specific members of staff repeatedly. With this data, Student representatives at the UTSSA would have the ability to report to University Management with reliable quantitative information with the aim of improving student life on campus. Other universities have databases where they can readily and easily access this information.

Motion: To create a working group to look into caseworkers on other campuses and their databases. This would then be presented at the next SRC Executive meeting and

to the UTS caseworkers, and if agreeable to both to then have the database implemented at the UTSSA.

Moved: Max Murphy

Seconded:

22. Other Business

Meeting closed: TIME