

2015 SRC Elect Meeting

28/11/14

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

Members Attending: Sarah Ann Mulhearn (Wom*n's Officer), Lawrence Warren (Broadway Campus Convenor), Sam Howes (SRC General Councillor), Tracy Tang (Overseas Students' Officer), Dean Mattar (President), Jess Xu (Secretary), Luke Chapman (Markets Campus Convenor), Fabian Vergara (SRC General Councillor), Mohamed Rumman (SRC General Councillor), Brigida Johns (Treasurer), Abhishek Loumish (UTS Council - Postgrad Student Rep.)*, Aaron Ngan (UTS Council - Undergrad Student Rep), Madeline Clouston (SRC General Councillor), Andy Zephyr (SRC General Councillor), Akshay Raj Kumar (SRC General Councillor), Max Murphy (SRC General Councillor), Charlene Humphries (Australian Indigenous Officer).

Observers: Aaron Colley (Broadway Campus Committee), Sharna White (Markets Campus Committee)*, Alison Whittaker, Maggie Sheen (2014 SRC General Councillor), Chris Gall (2014 President), James Horsborough (2014 SRC General Councillor), James Wilson (Vertigo Editor), Katie Kendall (Vertigo Editor), Sam Seermaran (Vertigo Editor), Andie Yates (2014 Acting Education Vice President)*.

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. SRC Induction Pack
5. Election of Returning Officer (RO) for Representatives Election (Reps Elect)
6. Reps Elect - internal elections
7. Induction Report
8. Other Business

Meeting Opened: 10:27am

PLEASE NOTE: Several amendments to this document have been made according to the motion 4.1 carried in [6-2-15 SRC Meeting](#).

1. Acknowledgement of Country

2. Apologies and Proxies:

- Melanie Wilson (Postgraduate Officer) proxied [1] Brigida Johns.
- Ben Jackson (Kuring-gai Campus Convenor) proxied to [1] Fabian Vergara.
- Jake Witchard (SRC General Councillor) proxied Max Murphy.
- Jennifer Pham (SRC General Councillor) proxied [1] Jess Xu.
- Sashin Ranasinghe (SRC General Councillor) proxied [1] Dean Mattar.
- Sareeta Shah (Markets Campus Women's Officer) sent apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest

None were noted.

4. SRC Induction Pack

Dean provided a brief summary of the contents of the Induction Pack, given to all voting members of the SRC present, which included:

- a hard copy of the UTSSA Constitution;
- a hard copy of a 2015 SRC Induction Handbook;
- various stationery, and;
- personal contact detail forms.

Jess clarified that the Induction Handbook will be an evolving document, that can be edited and re-distributed according to arising needs and duties of the 2015 SRC.

Personal contact detail forms were completed and collected by Dean and Jess.

5. Returning Officer (RO) for Representatives Election (Reps Elect)

The Chair was passed from Dean (President Elect) to Christine Kibble, an impartial RO for Reps Elect.

6. Reps Elect - internal elections

The RO clarified electoral procedure:

- Positions of EVP and Assistant Secretary are not to be split between two people.
- Position of DSP can be split between more than one person.
- Campus Committee members and representatives do not have a vote at this meeting. The RO accepted 2 challenge votes.

- The position of UTS Council Student Reps was ambiguous. The Constitution details a singular vote on SRC for UTS Council members. The RO ruled that the two UTS Council Student Reps have one vote each.

10:58am The meeting broke for a short recess, while the RO prepared the ballot papers for the election.

11:07am The meeting reopened upon the return of the voting members.

Election of Education Vice President

Max Murphy was nominated by Dean Mattar, seconded by Jess Xu.

Sammy Howes was nominated by Luke Chapman, seconded by Fabian Vergara.

Both nominees delivered a 2 minute speech.

The RO informed the SRC elect of the importance of EVP position. Voting was carried out by secret ballot.

Max Murphy won the ballot, and was elected as Education Vice President.

Note: The two challenge votes were not counted in this ballot. The RO left discussion of the challenge votes to the next 2015 SRC meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Max was confirmed as Education Vice President in motion 4.1 of [6-2-15 SRC Meeting](#).

Election of Assistant Secretary

Sashin Ranasinghe was nominated by Jess Xu, seconded by Dean Mattar.

Luke Chapman was nominated by Sammy Howes, seconded by Tracy Tang.

The RO read Sashin's statement, which was received by email.

Luke delivered a 2 minute speech.

The RO informed the SRC elect of the importance of Assistant Secretary position. Voting was carried out by secret ballot.

The ballot numbers were split evenly between both nominees, with 11 votes each.

Note: If the two challenge votes are counted, then Luke Chapman would win the ballot. The RO left discussion of the challenge votes to the next 2015 SRC meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: Luke was confirmed as Assistant Secretary with Dean's casting vote as President in motion 4.1 of [6-2-15 SRC Meeting](#).

Election of Director of Student Publications (DSP)

The RO facilitated a discussion about whether the position of DSP should be split between more than one person.

Andy Zephyr spoke about precedent of DSP position being split, and strongly encouraged the SRC elect to appoint more than one person to the position.

James Wilson spoke about the candidates being conventionally proposed by the Vertigo editors team and accepted by the SRC. He also described the past experience of DSP nominees that Vertigo 2015 Editors team have put forward.

Maggie Sheen spoke about the precedent of splitting the DSP position decided by the 2014 SRC, referring to the Constitution as ambiguous on the matter.

The RO clarified that the position of DSP is independent of Vertigo, and has the responsibility to ensure that UTSSA publications are legally sound. There was discussion of legal responsibilities of the DSP.

11:34am - Sharna White left the meeting.

The RO passed by leave that the DSP position can be held by multiple people.

Rebecca Brediceanv, Tracey Kumar, Azal Khan, and Nick Rowbotham are all recommended to jointly hold the position of DSPs by James Wilson and the 2015 Vertigo editors. All four are nominated by Dean Mattar, seconded by Jess Xu.

Rebecca Brediceanv, Tracey Kumar, Azal Khan, and Nick Rowbotham elected unopposed as the four DSPs.

11:42am Andie Yates entered the meeting.

Election of Budget Committee

The RO clarified that three people from the SRC would be elected to the Budget Committee.

The RO clarified that Aaron has a challenge vote in this meeting, and that in subsequent meetings, Aaron may have a vote on SRC as Broadway Campus Representative.

Nominations are received from: Tracy Tang, Jake Witchard, Mohamed Rumman, Andy Zephyr, Aaron Colley, Ben Jackson, and Jennifer Pham.

Witchard and Pham are not present and no statements are read.
Rumman, Zephyr, and Colley each deliver a speech.

The RO retired from the Chair to count the votes for Budget Committee while the meeting proceeds. Dean returned to the Chair.

The counting of secret ballots continued until the end of the meeting. The RO announced the results around 12:20pm.

Rumman, Pham and Zephyr elected to Budget Committee.

NOTE: The RO delivered the Repts Elect Report on 8/12/14, which detail a miscalculation with the first count of these ballots, meaning that **Rumman, Pham and Witchard are elected to the Budget & Finance Committee.**

7. Induction Report

Andy spoke of the importance of facilitating handovers for a well functioning SRC, as well as for Officer Bearers, Collective Repts, and students involved with the UTSSA.

Andy and Kate Alway (2014 Postgraduate Students' Officer) want to create a induction setting and booklet, made together by outgoing and incoming students over a weekend. They brought the idea and an Induction Consultation form, to an SRC 2014 meeting.

It was noted that Dean and Jess have been discussing similar induction processes. Both James and Luke had already expressed interest in being involved.

Expressions of Interest for Induction Working Group: Andy, Luke, Max, Jake, James, Sam, Sarah, Jess, Dean.

8. Other Business

Communications

There was discussion of different channels of communications, such as email, Dropbox, Google Drive, and Groups on Facebook.

Andy suggested one Facebook group for UTSSA, functioning as an online noticeboard, beside the Facebook page, where any student involved with UTSSA could join.

Luke suggested that the 'Facebook groups' app would be useful for anyone who may only want to use Facebook for communicating with UTSSA and SRC, should a Facebook group be set up.

Abhishek wanted the meetings to be more organised, and ideally, not delayed. He suggested that notice about inquorate meetings should be sent out at least 2 hours ahead of the expected start of meetings.

Sam reiterated that a Facebook group would be important and an efficient way of communicating, and suggested using email as a back up.

Dean thought that the email has to be used as formal notice of meetings, events and other UTSSA happenings. He is also happy to facilitate setting up a Facebook group.

12:14pm Abhishek left the meeting.

Andy emphasised the importance of different channels of communication. Facebook group with all councillors, OBs, collectives as admins to facilitate building a community.

Madeline wanted to ensure that information about SRC is communicated clearly & openly.

Mohamed suggested that SRC minutes and documents should be available on Google Drive or Dropbox.

Aaron noted that the SRC minutes for 2014 were sent out promptly.

The RO finished counting the ballot votes for Budget Committee and announced the results (please see agenda point 6 on page 5).

Meeting closed: 12:21pm