

7/8/14 SRC Meeting

Draft minutes

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

SRC Attending: Maggie Sheen*, Sashin Ranasinghe, Chris Gall (chair), Kate Alway, Callum Lee, Andie Yates*, Lara Pajimans*, James Horsburgh*, Jess Xu*

Observers: Rayan Calimlim*, Josh Rebolledo*, Lucy Bonanno*, Rahaf Ahmed*, Rima Chahrouk*, Dean Mattar*.

Those marked with an asterisk (*) were present for part of the meeting.

Thanks to Callum Lee for recording minutes in the absence of the Secretary.

Agenda:

1. Acknowledgement of Country
2. Apologies and proxies
3. Declarations of interest
4. Passing of minutes from previous meetings
5. Palestine motion
6. Electoral regulations changes
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16. Solidarity with student whistleblower
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19. Education Vice President Report

Meeting opened at 3.10pm

Business

- 1. Acknowledgement of Country**

2. Apologies and proxies

Apologies:

- Elizabeth Hanley

Proxies:

- Andy Zephyr to Andie Yates
- Lauren Cairns to Callum Lee
- Douglas McDonald to Maggie Sheen
- Jess Xu to Chris Gall
- Lara Pajimans to Danielle Hynes

3. Declarations of interest

- Douglas MacDonald declared that his employer is linked to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection and that he would abstain from making comment on issues surrounding immigration.
- Andie Yates declared that they are part of the Queer Vertigo production team and would abstain from voting on this issue.

4. Passing of minutes from previous meetings

Motion: To pass the minutes from the 26/6/14 meeting.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Callum

Carried.

Motion: To pass the minutes from 15/7/14 meeting.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Callum

Carried.

5. Palestine solidarity

The following motion was passed by the UTSSA SRC at the meeting. A complimentary 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

Carried.

6. Electoral regulations changes

Motion 1:

That Section 10 of the Electoral Regulations be amended from:

10 METHODS OF VOTING.

10.1 Every member of the Association must vote in person unless they are defined as a postal voter.

10.2 Classes of voters.

The members of the Association eligible to vote by post are:

10.2.1 Special list prepared by the University; and

10.2.2 Any member who sends a request in writing to the Returning Officer before the close of nominations

To instead read:

10 METHODS OF VOTING.

Every member of the Association must vote in person unless they know they will be absent from the Campus for the time of the vote. Any member of the Association who is entitled to vote and who will be absent from campus during voting times may apply for a postal vote. The application for a postal vote must

be in writing and must be sent to the Returning Officer before the close of nominations.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Danielle

Carried.

Motion 2:

That Section 12 of the Electoral Regulations be amended from:

12 POSTAL VOTING.

12.1 The Returning Officer is to cause to be sent, by post, a letter informing members who will be off campus during SA elections that they may request a postal vote by contacting the Returning Officer in writing indicating their desire to receive ballot papers by post to the member's address as shown in University records.

12.2 Each voting paper is to be accompanied by:

12.2.1 An envelope addressed to the Returning Officer on which is to be printed a space for the member to put their name, student number, and signature.

12.2.2 An envelope marked 'voting paper';

12.2.3 A copy of the election issue of Vertigo;

12.2.4 The directions to voters; and

12.2.5 No other material of any kind.

to instead read:

12.1 The Returning Officer is to cause to be sent *notice to all members of the Association that they may request a postal vote to be posted to their address* by contacting the Returning Officer in writing, *if they know they will be absent from the Campus for the time of the vote. When possible, this notice should take the form of an email to all students eligible to vote, broadcast with the assistance of the University. This notice must be displayed on the Students' Association website.*

i.2 Each voting paper is to be accompanied by:

12.2.1 An envelope addressed to the Returning Officer on which is to be printed a space for the member to put their name, student number, and signature.

12.2.2 An envelope marked 'voting paper';

12.2.3 A link to an electronic copy of the election issue of Vertigo;

12.2.4 The directions to voters; and

12.2.5 No other material of any kind.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Callum

Carried.

Motion 3:

That Section 3 of the Electoral Regulations be amended from:

The Returning Officer is to observe the following intervals in conducting the election:

<i>1ST EVENT</i>	<i>2ND EVENT</i>	<i>Timing</i>
<i>i) Notice of Election</i>	<i>Close of Nominations</i>	<i>14 to 21 days</i>
<i>ii) Close of Nominations</i>	<i>Election issue of Vertigo</i>	<i>7 – 14 days</i>
<i>iii) Close of Nominations</i>	<i>Despatch of postal votes</i>	<i>7 – 21 days</i>
<i>iv) Despatch of postal votes</i>	<i>Close of voting</i>	<i>13 – 21 days</i>
<i>v) First election</i>	<i>Last election day</i>	<i>3 days</i>

to instead read:

*The Returning Officer is to observe, **wherever possible**, the following intervals in conducting the election:*

- i) The calling of nominations is to be followed by the close of nominations within 14 to 21 days.***
- ii) The first day of election is to be between 25 to 31 days after the close of nominations.***
- iii) The last day of election is to be 3 days after the first day of election.***
- iv) The election issue of Vertigo is to precede the first day of election by 7 to 14 days.***
- v) The postal votes must be despatched 7-21 days after the close of nominations but 13-21 days prior to the close of voting.***

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Callum

Carried.

Motion 4:

That Section 7 of the Electoral Regulations be amended from:

7.1 Formation of Lists.

Candidates who wish to be identified as a member of a list on voting papers shall inform the returning Officer...

to instead read:

7.1 Formation of Lists.

Candidates who **have nominated and** wish to be identified as a member of a list on voting papers shall inform the returning Officer...

Moved: Chris
Seconded: Danielle
Carried.

Motion 5:

That Section 11 of the Electoral Regulations be amended from:

11.4 Every voting place is to be open on each election day for a period of 3 hours from 11:00am and, if evening classes are conducted at that campus on that day, for a period of 3 hours from 4:00pm.

to instead read

11.4 Every voting place is to be open on each election day for a period of 3 hours **from 10:30am** and, if evening classes are conducted at that campus on that day, for a period of 3 hours **from 3:30pm.**

Moved: Chris
Seconded: Andie
Carried.

Motion 6:

That Section 8.2 of the Electoral Regulations be amended from:

The Returning Officer shall ensure that each type of voting paper is printed outside the University on a different colour paper, that a fixed and publicly known number of each type of voting paper is produced, and that each voting paper of particular type has one number from a numerical sequence mechanically printed on the underside of the voting paper at the time of printing.

to instead read:

The Returning Officer shall ensure that each type of voting paper is printed on a different colour paper, that a fixed and publicly known number of each type of voting paper is produced, and that each voting paper of particular type has one number from a numerical sequence printed on the voting paper at the time of printing.

Moved: Chris
Seconded: Callum
Carried.

Motion 7:

That a section 17.6 be added to the Electoral Regulations stating:

The period of election shall begin at 5pm, two weeks and one day before the first day of voting. No form of campaigning or promotion of any candidate or group, whether online or in person, is permitted before this period.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Danielle

Carried.

Motion 8:

That a section 17.7 be added to the Electoral Regulations stating:

All persons campaigning for any candidate or group in the campaigning period must be a currently-enrolled student of UTS, including students currently on an approved leave of absence. No other person may campaign or engage in the promotion of any candidate or group, whether online or in person.

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Callum

Carried.

Motion 9:

That the following small amendments be made:

- **Remove S7.4:** it is a typo
- **S11.5** replace the word 'lock' with 'seal the ballot box leaving only one opening for ballot papers' and remove the words 'and seal the lock'.
- **S11.5.1** replace the word 'lock' with 'seal the ballot box with leaving only one opening for the ballot papers'
- **S11.6** after the words 'seal the' place 'ballot paper opening'
- **S11.6.1** after the words 'for the purpose by the Returning Officer seal' place 'the ballot paper opening' in the old ballot box
- **17.1.3** Using Association Funds after 'funds' insert 'facilities (excluding printing allowances)'
- **17.1.9** Responsibility for Statements- Remove 'and student number of' and replace with 'and faculty' (it literally achieves nothing except a violation of privacy)

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Callum

Carried.

It was noted in the meeting that these motions will be revisited with the Returning Officer at the conclusion of the 2014 elections.

7. Constitutional changes

Chris has been developing a proposal for constitutional change with the hope of solidifying changes by the end of 2014. This cannot occur before SRC elections.

8. Vertigo printing

Motion: To approve Vertigo printing costs of \$5434 plus GST.

Moved: Lara

Seconded: Danielle

Carried.

9. Vertigo advertising

Motion: Allow the spending of \$154 for Vertigo advertising on Facebook.

Moved: Danielle

Seconded: Lara

Carried.

10. Vertigo conference

Motion: To approve \$1500 from conference budget to assist 10 members of Vertigo by covering accommodation costs to attend National Young Writers' Festival in October. (Total cost: \$30 per night x 5 nights x 10 people = \$1500)

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Callum

Carried.

11. NUS EdCon conference funding

Motion: To reimburse for outstanding flights, accommodation and registration of students who attended EdCon as per conference spending policy, and to use Education Action Group funding to cover the gap in costs.

Moved: Lara

Seconded: Jess

Carried.

12. CISA Conference funding

Motion: To approve spending of \$269.90 from the SRC Conference Budget and \$288.71 from the Overseas Department Budget to reimburse expenses of travel, accommodation, and registration for a student attending the CISA national conference.

Moved: Jess

Seconded: Kate

Carried.

13. CISA Affiliation

Motion: To affiliate to the Council of International Students Australia, and pay a 2014 affiliation fee of \$350.00.

Moved: Kate

Seconded: Danielle

Carried.

14. EAG spending

Motion: To approve \$84 of spending for food for the Bachelor of Creative Intelligence and Innovation Network event.

Moved: Chris

Second: Lara

Carried.

15. Queer Collective spending

Motion: To approve \$60 of spending for cake for Pride Week from the Queer Collective Budget.

Motion: To set an upper limit of \$5000 for the printing of 'Queer Vertigo 2014' from the publications budget.

Procedural to move motions on bloc

Carried unanimously

Moved: Danielle

Seconded: Lara

Carried.

16. Solidarity with student whistleblower

Motion: Stand in solidarity with the UTS Student “whistleblower” who was allegedly involved with the Whitehouse Institute of Design incident.

Moved: Jess

Seconded: Lara

Carried.

Motion: To set an upper spending limit of \$500 to any support groups or campaigns around the said incident.

Moved: Lara

Seconded: Jess

Carried.

17. Welfare Department reportback and spending

The Welfare Officer, Jess Xu, delivered a report about current campaigns and the success of the Scavenger Hunt.

Motion: To pay the invoices from the welfare department to the value of \$702.00 for the scavenger hunt after party.

Moved: Lara

Seconded: Chris

Carried.

18. Postgrad Officer Report

The Postgraduate Officer, Kate Alway, delivered a report.

There will be a launch of the Postgraduate Department on August 29th at 6.30pm at Haymarket campus, where there will be speakers, food and the election of a Postgrad council.

Motion: To accept Kate’s Postgrad report.

Moved: Lara

Seconded: Chris

Carried.

19. EVP report

The Education Vice President, Chris Gall, delivered a report on his activities in May, June, and July.

Motion: That Chris's EVP report be accepted

Moved: Chris

Seconded: Lara

Carried.

Meeting closed at 5:40pm

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