

**UTS SRC Meeting
25 October 2013**

Members Attending:

Lyndal Butler, Alison Whittaker, Adwoa Humphreys, Maggie Sheen, Jess Xu, Douglas McDonald, Lucy Bonanno, Andy Zephyr

Observers:

Diana Martincich

Apologies:

Lani Bushelle, Chris Augustine, Alex McInnis, Akshay Raj Kumar

Meeting commenced at 3:15pm.

1. Acknowledgment of Country

2. Declaration of Interests

3. SRC and Executive Minutes

Motion: That the amended minutes be accepted.

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Adwoa

Carried.

Motion: That the SRC thanks Rudi Bremer for taking the minutes of the last meeting in the absence of the Secretary.

Moved: Douglas

Seconded: Maggie

Carried.

4. Defending Abortion Rights in regards to Zoe's Law

Motion: That the SRC approves the following statement:

In the spirit of the motion moved earlier this year by the UTS Students' Association SRC, stating that the UTSSA is pro-choice and in support of reproductive rights, we would like to show further support in solidarity with the current campaigns to defend abortion rights that are threatened by the Crimes Amendment (Zoe's Law) Bill (No. 2) 2013. This proposed bill is currently being discussed in the lower house of NSW Parliament, and will be put up to a conscience vote.

Zoe's Law Bill No. 2 poses a significant threat to persons seeking abortion, and to the medical professionals and legal practitioners which seek to support them.

NSW government is still currently considering the legislation, and various MP's (such as Jamie Parker, member for Balmain) have indicated that several MP's could 'still be swayed'. The November 3 rally at Sydney Town Hall to defend abortion rights seeks to gain significant public attention, in order to consolidate the groundwork for pro-choice action in relation to Zoe's Law Bill No. 2, which had been laid by protests outside NSW Parliament (17/10/13 and 24/10/13) & extensive media coverage.

Currently the event is being endorsed by the UNSW Wom*ns collective, UNSW Queer Officers, Socialist Alternative, Red Flag, Socialist Alliance, Green Left Weekly, The Greens NSW, Community Action Against Homophobia, Sydney Feminists, NSW Young Greens, RU4MyChoice (UTSSA PERC affiliated club), WAAC NSW and the USyd Queer Collective.

We as the UTSSA SRC would like to offer endorsement for the November 3rd rally and ongoing campaign to defend abortion rights and fight for reproductive rights in Australia.

Moved: Jess

Seconded: Alison

Carried.

5. Autonomous Desks

The question of autonomous desks and computer usage for the autonomous Collectives was discussed, including options for expanding access to autonomous desks (whether through the acquisition of new desks or through shared access to existing autonomous desks) and locations of prospective desks.

Motion: To defer to autonomous collectives the decision as to the future of the autonomous desks and computer usage for consultation and potential decision.

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Andy

Carried.

6. President's Report

The President presented her report verbally. The President advised that a written report would be circulated prior to the next meeting.

Motion: To accept verbal report until receipt of written report.

Moved: Adwoa

Seconded: Alison

Carried.

7. Education Vice-President's Report

The Education Vice-President presented her report verbally. The Education Vice-President advised that a written report would be circulated prior to the next meeting.

Motion: To accept the Education Vice President's verbal report until receipt of written report.

Moved: Alison

Seconded: Jess

Carried.

8. General Business

Concerns were raised with regard to continued campaigning by the Overseas Students' Association on campus, particularly in relation to the ongoing Student Safety Card campaign.

Meeting concluded at 4:16pm.