

## **17/9/14 UTS SRC Meeting**

### **Draft minutes**

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

**Attending:** Maggie Sheen (General Councillor), Douglas MacDonald (General Councillor, University Council Undergraduate Representative), Chris Gall (President), Jake Witchard (Indigenous Students' Officer)\*, Danielle Hynes (General Councillor), Lauren Cairns (Acting Secretary), Andie Yates (Acting Education Vice President), Kate Alway (Postgraduate Students' Officer), Callum Lee (General Councillor).

**Observers:** Irene Hsieh\*

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) 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 meeting
5. Discussion of draft by-law changes
6. Fossil-free referendum
7. Wom\*n's Collective spending
8. Queer Collective spending
9. Secondhand Bookshop Website Reportback
10. Secondhand Bookshop Spending
11. Postgraduate Reportback
12. President's Report
13. Acting Education Vice President's Report
14. Presidential Succession
15. Other business

### **Meeting opened at 5.12pm**

#### **1. Acknowledgement of Country**

#### **2. Apologies and proxies**

Apologies: none

Proxies:

- Carisse Martis to Maggie Sheen
- Sashin Ranasinghe to Andie Yates
- Lara Paijmans to Danielle Hynes
- Jess Xu to Kate Alway

### **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 a conflict of interest on agenda item 8.

### **4. Passing of minutes from previous meeting**

**Motion:** That we accept the minutes of the meetings on the 7-8-14, 22-8-14, and 5-9-14.

**Moved:** Chris

**Seconded:** Callum

**Carried.**

### **5. Discussion of draft by-law changes**

Chris Gall presented a draft proposal for changes to stipends for office bearers to the meeting for comment.

### **6. Fossil-free referendum**

The Environment Collective has requested that a referendum be held at the same time as SRC elections.

**Motion:** The SRC approves the referendum question: 'Should UTS end its investment in fossil fuel companies?'

**Moved:** Danielle

**Seconded:** Maggie

**Carried** (Douglas abstained).

### **7. Wom\*n's Collective Spending**

**Motion:** To approve spending of \$75 to reimburse the feminist writer Sara Ahmed for allowing her work to be republished in the Wom\*n's Collective Safety and Survival Zine.

**Moved:** Andie

**Seconded:** Maggie

**Carried.**

### **8. Queer Collective Spending**

**Motion:** To approve an upper spending limit of \$50 on the provision of dental dams to the Queer Collective.

**Moved:** Callum

**Seconded:** Danielle

**Carried** (Andie abstained).

**Motion:** To approve an upper spending limit of \$250 for the Queer Collective to hold a picnic in the mid-semester break.

**Moved:** Danielle

**Seconded:** Callum

**Carried.**

### **9. Secondhand Bookshop Website Reportback**

**Motion:** That we provide Hidden Spark with a 30% deposit on the Website Development Project, costing \$4488.00.

**Moved:** Callum

**Seconded:** Douglas

**Carried.**

### **10. Secondhand Bookshop spending**

**Motion:** That we set an upper spending limit of \$100 for promotional materials for the Secondhand Bookshop.

**Moved:** Chris

**Seconded:** Callum

**Carried.**

### **11. Postgraduate Officer's Report**

**Motion:** That we accept the Postgraduate Officer's Report.

**Moved:** Andie

**Seconded:** Chris

**Carried.**

## **12. President's Report**

The President's Report was deferred to a later meeting.

## **13. Acting Education Vice President's Report**

**Motion:** That we accept the Acting Education Vice President's verbal Report.

**Moved:** Douglas

**Seconded:** Callum

**Carried** (Andie abstained).

## **14. Presidential Succession**

**Motion:** That we approve that Andie Yates will act as Acting Education Vice President and that Lauren Cairns will act as Acting Secretary for the remainder of the term.

**Moved:** Callum

**Seconded:** Douglas

**Carried** (Andie and Lauren abstained).

**Motion:** That we approve the payment of the Acting Education Vice President role and the Acting Secretary role, from the date of the Presidential resignation until the end of the current term, at a rate equal to that of Education Vice President and Secretary respectively, instead of the stipends they would otherwise receive.

**Moved:** Danielle

**Seconded:** Maggie

**Carried** (Andie and Lauren abstained).

**Motion:** That we thank Andy Zephyr for their service as President of the UTS Students' Association and their ongoing commitment to the welfare of students at this university.

**Moved:** Douglas

**Seconded:** Chris

**Carried.**

**Meeting closed at 6.27pm**

## 2014 Postgraduate Officer report #5, 17/9/14

The Postgraduate Department has been renamed the Postgraduate Representative Union. We have adopted a logo and some poster designs, and opened nominations for a Council, to be closed at the Launch. We budgeted \$3000 for the various expenses associated with the Launch, which has been approved by the UTSSA Executive.

Two Department meetings have been held, on 8/8/14 and 20/8/14.

The PRU Launch had to be postponed to September 19, 6.30pm. The new Vice Chancellor has had to send apologies, DVC Shirley Alexander is attending. We have confirmed speakers from CAPA and SUPRA

Extensive planning and advertising has been done, much thanks to UTSSA's Secretary Andie Yates and Welfare Officer Jess Xu. Sarah Santangelo has completed a suite of excellent designs. Contrary to expectations, my report in Vertigo Issue 6 is out in time to advertise the Launch in the vague terms that were available a month before publication.

As childcare is a significant postgrad issue and one of our campaign possibilities, I have joined the board of UTS Child Care Inc as the UTSSA Representative. So far, I have attended one meeting and an orientation.

The MASNA conference has been confirmed to be December 4-5 at Monash University. The CAPA ACM and Roadshow are still unconfirmed. The Roadshow tradition of touring major centres has been altered and CAPA Officebearers have recently been touring regional universities in the Northern Territory.

At MUPRA, Macquarie University has acted to take seven students to court. I informed CAPA who immediately started producing press releases and media. CAPA has also engaged lawyers for the case, to whom our own lawyer William has handed over for the work he has contributed throughout the extensive leadup. I participated in the picket of Macquarie's Info Day along with UTSSA's President Chris Gall and Secretary Andie Yates. It was an historic occasion for an activist unconnected with Macquarie to attend a protest there, and incredibly important as current Macquarie students face academic penalties for involvement in activities disliked by the university. We distributed 1500 leaflets and had many conversations in two locations on and off campus. There have been two court dates so far which only involved formalities. I will be undertaking to attend in support any court date with substantial proceedings or involvement of the Macquarie Seven, and to advertise such dates so others can also participate.

Kate Alway

2014 UTSSA Postgraduate Officer

ACM – Annual Council Meeting (conference)  
AGM – Annual General Meeting  
AQSN – Australian Queer Students' Network  
CAPA – Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations  
CCEAN – Cross Campus Education Action Network  
FASS – Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences  
GSU – Governance Support Unit  
HDR – Higher Degree Research (research masters degrees and doctorates)  
IGM – Inaugural General Meeting  
ISUM – Independent Student Union at Macquarie  
MASNA – Mature Age Student Network Australia  
MUPRA – Macquarie University Postgraduate Representative Association  
NSW – New South Wales

NUS – National Union of Students  
PEMSO – Part Time, External and Mature Age Students' Organisation  
POLSA – UTS Postgraduate Leisure Sports Association  
PRU – Postgraduate Representative Union  
QC – Queer Collaborations national student conference  
SGM – Special General Meeting  
SQS – Sydney Queer Atheists  
SRC – Student Representative Council  
TAFE – Technical And Further Education (state technical college system)  
USYD – University of Sydney  
UTSSA – The Students' Association of the University of Technology, Sydney  
VSU – Voluntary Student Unionism