

Meeting 17/2 of the UTS Students' Association (UTSSA) Student Representative Council held at 6.30pm on Thursday 23 February 2017 in the Activist Space, Level 3, UTS Building 1.

Present:

Beatrice Tan (President and Chair)
Luke Chapman (Secretary)
Norma Cooper (EVP)
Christine Saunders (General Councillor)
Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff (General Councillor)
Bijay Sapkota (Undergraduate Member of University Council)
Michael Rosser (Postgraduate Member of University Council)
Indraneil Banerjee (Overseas Student's Officer)
Peter Zacharatos (General Councillor)

In Attendance:

Mariah Brown (Executive Officer)
Christina Markovska
Lisa Windon
Michael Zacharatos (Vertigo)

Apologies

Leya Reid (General Councillor)
Harrison Stanton (General Councillor)
Adrian Rook (Postgraduate student's Officer)
Lachlan Barker (Treasurer)
Edward Strong (General Councillor)
James Wilson (Assistant Secretary)

AGENDA

The meeting opened at 6:46pm.

1. **Acknowledgement of Country**
2. **Apologies and Proxies**
3. **Declarations of Interest**
4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
 - General Meeting of the UTSSA SRC held 17 January 2017
 - Executive Meeting of the UTSSA held 17 January 2017
 - Executive Meeting of the UTSSA held 23 January 2017
5. **President's Report**

6. **Education Vice President's Report**
 7. **Secretary's Report**
 8. **Treasurer's Report**
 9. **Assistant Secretary's Report**
 10. **NUS Delegates & Observer Reports**
 11. **Reimbursement of Vertigo Media Observers**
 12. **Digitisation of Vertigo Back Catalogue**
 13. **UTSSA Dental Service**
 14. **Disaffiliation from the National Union of students (NUS)**
 15. **Move National Union of Students National Conference to Sydney**
 16. **Rename the Activist Space to the UTSSA Board room**
 17. **General Business**
 18. **Close**
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1. **Acknowledgement of Country**

The President delivered and acknowledgement of country.

2. **Apologies and Proxies**

Leya Reid sent their apologies and proxied to Luke Chapman

David Grover sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Gabby Brackenbury [2] Lachlan Barker [3] Heba Niem.

Harrison Stanton sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Michael Rosser, [2] Norma Cooper, [3] Peter Zacharatos, [4] Beatrice Tan.

Adrian Rook sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Peter Zacharatos, [2] Beatrice Tan, [3] Norma Jean Cooper, [4] Michael Rosser, [5] Harrison Stanton.

Lachlan Barker sent their apologies and proxied to Chrissy Saunders.

Cameron Hart sent their apologies and proxied to Norma Cooper.

Edward Strong sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Beatrice Tan [2] Norma Cooper, [3] Peter Zacharatos, [4] Michael Rosser.

James Wilson sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Chrissy Saunders, [2] Edward Strong, [3] Indraneil Banerjee, [4] Norma Cooper, [5] Leya Reid, [6] Bijay Sapkota, [7] Gabrielle Brackenbury-Soldenhoff.

India Bennett sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Gabby Brackenbury-Soldenhoff, [2] Chrissy Saunders.

Luke Chapman noted that he had received a proxy from India Bennett to Alice Zhang that was invalid, as the UTSSA conventions on proxy use only allow councillors to proxy their vote to other councillors.

MOTION C17/21

That the proxies are accepted.

Moved: Norma Cooper

Seconded: Michael Rosser

Motion Carried

Luke Chapman spoke to the importance of councillors attending meetings as a minimum requirement of their position and questioned whether councillors could make a meaningful contribution to the association or fulfil the requirements of their role whilst living abroad for extended periods.

Michael Rosser noted that UNSW have a policy whereby councillors can be removed after a number of absences.

Beatrice Tan stated that the UTSSA Constitution allows the SRC to remove any member of the SRC, when a majority vote of members of the SRC find that a member has absented themselves from two consecutive meetings unless their absence is excused by the Students' Representative Council.

Leya Reid sent their apologies and proxied to Luke Chapman. Beatrice Tan noted that Leya was on a short holiday and would be returning to Australia for the March meeting.

MOTION C17/22

That Leya Reid's apology be accepted.

Moved: Norma Cooper

Seconded: Michael Rosser

Motion Carried

David Grover sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Gabby Brackenbury [2] Lachlan Barker [3] Heba Niem.

Beatrice Tan noted that it was her understanding David would be studying abroad for the duration of 2017 and would thus be unable to attend meetings.

MOTION C17/23

That David Grover's apology be accepted.

Moved: Chrissy Saunders

Seconded: none

Motion Lapsed: the apology was not accepted.

Harrison Stanton sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Michael Rosser, [2] Norma Cooper, [3] Peter Zacharatos, [4] Beatrice Tan.

Beatrice Tan noted that Harrison was attending work commitments.

MOTION C17/24

That Harrison Stanton's apology be accepted.

Moved: Norma Cooper

Seconded: Michael Rosser

Motion Carried

Adrian Rook sent their apologies and proxied to [1] Peter Zacharatos, [2] Beatrice Tan, [3] Norma Jean Cooper, [4] Michael Rosser, [5] Harrison Stanton.

Beatrice Tan noted that Adrian Rook was currently on a work trip to Port Moresby and would be returning shortly.

MOTION C17/25

That Adrian Rook's apology be accepted.

Moved: Michael Rosser

Seconded: Peter Zacharatos

Motion Carried

Lachlan Barker sent their apologies and proxied to Chrissy Saunders.

Luke Chapman noted that Lachlan Barker was unable to attend this meeting due to severe illness.

MOTION C17/26

That Lachlan Barker's apology be accepted.

Moved: Luke Chapman

Seconded: Michael Rosser

Motion Carried

Cameron Hart sent their apologies and proxied to Norma Cooper.

Beatrice Tan clarified that Cameron Hart would be studying abroad this year.

MOTION C17/27

That Cameron Hart's apology be accepted.

Moved: none

Seconded: none

Motion Lapsed: the apology was not accepted.

Edward Strong sent their apologies and proxied to Beatrice Tan Norma Cooper, Peter Zacharatos, Michael Rosser.

Beatrice clarified that Edward was on a trip in regional Australia and would be returning shortly.

MOTION C17/28

That Edward Strong's apology be accepted.

Moved: Norma Cooper

Seconded: Peter Zacharatos

Motion Carried

James Wilson sent their apologies and proxied to 1. Chrissy Saunders 2. Edward Strong 3. Indraneil Banerjee 4. Norma Cooper 5. Leya Reid 6. Bijay Sapkota 7. Gabrielle Brackenbury-Soldenhoff.

Luke Chapman clarified that James Wilson was unable to attend due to professional commitments

MOTION C17/29

That James Wilson's apology be accepted.

Moved: Luke Chapman

Seconded: Bijay Sapkota

Motion Carried

India Bennett sent their apologies and proxied to 1. Gabby Brackenbury-Soldenhoff.

Beatrice clarified that India was unable to attend due to a sporting commitment.

MOTION C17/30

That India Bennett's apology be accepted.

Moved: Chrissy Saunders

Seconded: none

Motion Lapsed: the apology was not accepted.

3. Declarations of Interest

No declarations were made.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- General Meeting of the UTSSA SRC held 17 January 2017

- Executive Meeting of the UTSSA held 17 January 2017
- Executive Meeting of the UTSSA held 23 January 2017

The executive officer Mariah Brown and staff members Christina Markovska and Lisa Windon spoke to the assistant secretary's report contained in the minutes of the general meeting held 17 January 2017. They noted the disappointment of staff members in the language used in the report and the inclusion of a number of factual inaccuracies that was counterproductive to achieving good relationships between councillors and the UTSSA staff.

Luke Chapman noted that while he agreed with the concerns raised, the report of the assistant secretary was accepted by a vote of council at the last general meeting and could not be edited after the fact. Luke clarified that it is the responsibility of members to use appropriate language and ensure the accuracy of any report they submit and the responsibility of council to review reports before voting to accept them.

Amend to remove the Assistant secretary's report and ask that they submit a new report in consultation with the staff and executive.

MOTION C17/31

That the minutes of the executive meetings held 17 January, 23 January and the minutes of the general meeting held 23 January be accepted with the amendment to remove the report of the assistant secretary. The assistant secretary will be invited to submit a revised edition of the report at the next general meeting.

Moved: Michael Rosser

Seconded: Bijay Sakota

Motion Carried

5. President's Report

Report:

I'm quite excited because we've hit the ground running this year. We've gotten through quite a bit since our first meeting so I'll just mention the main things that concern the association.

Training:

One of my personal goals for this year was to have a team that can cope with their roles and its challenges. I know that I wasn't always ready for what was thrown my way last year when I was the convener of the women's collective, so having a well-trained team was a priority. This is something I am continuing to pursue by bringing in training sessions.

1. First Aid

On Monday, the 13th of February, eleven members of the association attended first aid training with medixcare. I am proud to announce that everyone passed the course and they are now all qualified in first aid. Having heard feedback from various sources, it was a worthwhile endeavour.

There were some office bearers that were unable to attend training for various reasons. We are in the process of arranging alternate first aid training for these individuals. We are also facilitating the first aid training of UTSSA staff that deal with students on a daily basis.

I am quite proud of carrying out this initiative as this is the first time in recent years this has happened. I hope future years carry this out.

2. Consent, Mental Health First Aid & University Emergency Procedures

In addition to first aid training I'm looking at a few other forms of training. I've been in contact with Tracie, Director of the Equity and Diversity Unit, to organise consent and mental health first aid training for the team. We are meeting up soon to discuss it. Considering that we have a higher degree of responsibility and accountability than the average UTS student, it's important that we are trained to deal with emergencies at UTS. I am in contact with Jennifer, Emergency Coordinator, in regards to this.

O'Day:

This is a major focus for us as it's exactly a week from now. Having heard back from the executive, the OBs and staff, it all looks like it is going to plan.

1. Attractions: Photo booth and slushy machine

The photo booth and slushy machines have been sorted and will be delivered on the day.

2. Merchandise:

We normally give bags out for O'Day. We're spoiling the students this year. This year we're giving out 1000 bags, they've all been partially packed.

a. Packed: USBs, power packs, safe sex kits (condoms, female condoms, lube, dental dams), as well as movie vouchers from palace cinemas

b. To pack in to bags: fans, stress balls, reach out pamphlets

c. Waiting to arrive: keep cups, bottles, jelly beans and handbooks

Expenditure:

1. Budget

We initially wanted to look at the feasibility of the emergency housing plan and since last meeting I've met with the DVC to discuss it. Shirley revealed that the Student Services Unit (SSU) already have emergency housing procedures. I met with the director of SSU and discussed how we could help with this, and the main way is through referring students directly to them. This avoids any liability issues we might face if we were to set up our own service.

Receiving this news, and doing some further reading on our finances, I will be re-doing my budget proposal. I will have it prepared and distribute it by next meeting.

2. Discretionary spending

Last executive meeting, a motion was passed that gave me discretionary spending of up to \$5000 for a limited number of things. This was done to improve the efficiency and expediency of the organisation.

I've attached all the things I have approved, it is as follows:

- Handbook
 - Printing
 - Cover design
 - Internal design

- NUS 2016
 - Delegates and Observers
 - Flights: Connor White, Lachlan Wykes, Anna Wensley, Beatrice Tan, Norma Cooper
 - Registration of other attendees: President and EVP

- Presidents' Summit
 - President
 - EVP

- O'day:
 - Glyde
 - Fans
 - Stress balls
 - Jelly beans
 - Slushy machine
 - Photo booth
 - Shirts for UTSSA

- Vertigo:
 - Website deposit
 - Stickers

- Women's Collective
 - Logo – Screen printing
 - Bags

- Legal
 - Fridge magnets

The President spoke to their report

Very excited for O'day

Issues with student housing

Explained Spending authorisation policy expenditures will be circulated over the list

MOTION C17/32

That the president's report be accepted.

Moved: Michael Rosser
Seconded: Norma Cooper
Motion carried

6. Education Vice President's Report

Good evening fellow councillors. By the time you are reading this I hope you are also eating a delicious slice of pizza, as this was an initiative discussed at a previous executive meeting. Thanks to specific motions related to financial expenditure of the organisation, it is now far easier and more efficient to make purchases that are relatively small. Thank you to the President for approving this particular initiative both financially, and with her stomach. Unless you're allergic or something, which in that case, I'm sorry. We will endeavour to make sure everyone's appetites are accounted for in the next meeting. Now onto what the team have been working on this month. Obviously, the entire year so far has been dedicated to the handbook. I organised the customised jelly beans, hand fans, and mental health material, which was kindly donated to us by the organisation Reachout. I initially approached Reachout in order to seek their permission to use their material in an article I was writing for the handbook, and they have gone above and beyond to ensure we have everything we need. I would strongly recommend any members of future SRC's to continue this positive relationship that has been established. Sometimes, free stuff is only a phone call away. As for what everyone is probably wondering about, the handbook is finished, and is being printed as we speak. We are discussing the option of stationing stock at each Student Association related stall on O-day, in order to ensure maximum distribution. We have ordered in 3000 for now and will order more as the need arises. Let's all look forward to a fantastic O-day!

Kind regards,

Norma Jean Cooper
Education Vice President

MOTION C17/33

That the vice president's report be accepted.

Moved: Luke Chapman
Seconded: Bijay Sapkota
Motion carried

7. Secretary's Report

Secretary's Report 23 February 2017

UTSSA Website

In an update to my previous report the executive officer has informed that the website was launched on 23 December 2016. Since receiving the link to the new website I have sent an email to you all with the new address, <<https://www.utsstudentsassociation.org.au/>>

I have also updated the association Facebook page to include the link. As of February 14th the website is not listed on the first page of google results. This means that students

searching for the UTSSA will find it very difficult to find our site. To address this in the short term, I asked the executive officer to request that the university to update their page on the UTSSA to include a link to our website. This update has been made and can be viewed here: <<https://www.uts.edu.au/current-students/campus-life/communication-uts/students-association>>.

I have also began updating the association business listing with google and I am currently awaiting confirmation from google. A long term solution to ensure that we are listed on search engines would be to hire a contractor for Search Engine Optimisation. With other staff and executives, I am learning how to update the website to ensure that it provides accurate information.

First Aid Training

It was great to take part in the first aid training course organised by Beatrice Tan. I would like to thank our President for her commitment to student and staff training at the association.

Minutes

I will upload the approved minutes of meetings to the website when training is completed. In the meantime, copies of approved minutes can be viewed through the association Facebook page. As always I will email all councillors, the executive officer, and vertigo with copies of the draft minutes and meeting notice.

Office

I am now using the former EVP office as the Secretary's office. If you are in the UTSSA office feel free to drop by. After cleaning the space, I have began sorting through the large number of historical documents including past research, NUS policies and University agreements.

Council of International Students Australia (CISA) Affiliation

As a supporter of student unionism the UTSSA has been a supporter of CISA. This support includes an affiliation fee paid each year. At the executive meeting held 17 Jan the Overseas Students' Officer was able to confirm affiliation for 2015 but the Treasurer was unsure if the UTSSA maintained this affiliation in 2016. I have contacted CISA President Mustika Indah (Nina) Khairina requesting information on how to affiliate. In the coming weeks Nina will be sending us a copy of the CISA mid year report with information regarding affiliation and a consultation paper regarding CISA's communication and consultation strategy with members.

In solidarity,

Luke Chapman
Secretary
secretary@utsstudentsassociation.org

MOTION C17/34

That the vice president's report be accepted.

Moved: Michael Rosser
Seconded: Bijay Sapkota
Motion carried

8. Treasurer's Report

The Secretary noted that Lachlan Barker had emailed his report at 5:42pm at which time the meeting papers had already been printed. Reports received at least one business day before the meeting will be included in the papers. The Treasurer's report for February will be included in the minutes of the next general meeting.

9. Assistant Secretary's Report

Assistant Secretary's Report

22/2/17

Since the last meeting, I have not done a great deal, aside from running the first meeting of the Constitutional Review Committee, where we decided upon a plan at which to approach the new constitution. A second meeting was scheduled, which had to be postponed due to many of the committee being ill, or in my case, forgetting it was on. I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for this – constitutional review is important to me, and more so as I am chair, and this lapse was not something I wish to repeat.

Aside from this, the executive, primarily has been gearing up for O-Day, with bags being packed and things to go inside the bags ordered. I would like to personally heap praise upon Beatrice Tan and Norma Cooper for doing the lion's share of the work in preparation for O-Day, and would ask that Office Bearers and Councillors, the latter – in particular, help out on this, and future campaigns and do more than send a proxy to a council each month.

I would also like to apologise to Mariah Brown for a misrepresentation I made in the previous report I gave stating the website was not live when in fact it was. My confusion came from the fact no URL was made available to myself nor the Executive until late January, a month after it went live.

I am concluding this report with a list of motions that Secretary Chapman moved to this meeting. I do hope that in future meetings we at least hear motions we might find disagreeable rather than shut down debate entirely.

James Wilson

1. **Motion:** To accept Aryan Golanjan's endorsement by Vertigo as a Media Observer and have her reimbursed. **Moved:** Cameron Hart **Seconded:** James Wilson
2. **Motion:** That UTSSA commit to digitising the entire back catalogue of Vertigo and its predecessor, NewsWit, with the intention of uploading them on the Vertigo/UTSSA website as a lasting record of Vertigo/NewsWit since its inception. **Moved:** James Wilson **Seconded:** Cameron Hart
3. **Motion:** With continued attacks on student welfare by Government and University Admin, costs of health care are skyrocketing for local and international students alike. With the closure of the second-hand bookshop, this leaves a gap in the welfare services UTSSA provides, and an opportunity to create a new funding stream.

The UTSSA needs to ensure funding into the future both if SSAF is removed, and if not, to boost its bank balance. I propose we look into the introduction and costs of an onsite Dental

Service run by UTSSA, with option of working with other relevant university stakeholders such as UTS Admin, Student Services or Activate UTS. **Moved:** James Wilson **Seconded:** Cameron Hart

4. **Motion:** That we seek to disaffiliate from the National Union of Students Inc. (NUS) on the basis they do nothing for everyday students and cost us thousands of dollars that could be better spent directly on improving the welfare and education outcomes of UTS Students.

Moved: James Wilson

5. **Motion:** That UTSSA write to NUS Head Office expressing our desire to move National Conference to Sydney due to its centrality, ease of cost burden and because holding a conference in Geelong is shit. **Moved:** James Wilson

6. **Motion:** To rename the Activist Space to 'UTSSA Board Room'.

Luke Chapman noted that complex motions that councillors want to ensure are discussed, should be put on notice before the meeting. This notice will give councillors time to make informed decisions.

Beatrice Tan noted that the motions referred to by the assistant secretary were moved at the end of a long meeting.

Mariah Brown stated that the link to the website was provided earlier by her to students earlier than mentioned.

MOTION C17/35

That the assistant secretary's report be accepted.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion lapsed: The assistant secretary is invited to submit an amended report at the next general meeting.

10. NUS Delegates & Observer Reports

Report by Kirra Jackson UTS Delegate to the National Union of Student National Conference

KIRRA JACKSON'S NUS CONFERENCE 2016 REPORT

In early December of 2016 I was able to attend the National Union of Student Conference - also referred to as Natcon, to represent the students of UTS. . While here I was not able to represent these students by producing policy for NUS, but also learnt many skills that will be able to help me represent them in the future.

To begin with, I'll briefly go over the policy I presented to the conference. As stated throughout my campaigning, I promised to put a strong emphasis on the queer/LGBTIA+ community, and was able to do so through the policy I wrote - including supporting the Malta Declaration of Intersex rights (which I have further encouraged the UTSSA to endorse as well, as per the policy passed), policies in regards to gender neutral bathrooms and putting sanitary bins in male bathrooms, better queer sex ed, as well as a variety of

other policies. I also had the ability to talk on issues to do with trimesters - something that is directly affecting UTS students, as well as on supporting women's reproductive rights.

Not only did I learn the skill of policy writing (which I learnt through reading previous policies, working with people on my own, and reading through all of the policies that were written this year), and being able to effectively communicate this policy (which is essential when talking to management), I also fully understood the role that both lobbying and grassroots activism has within the fight for student rights, and the fact that they must work in tandem in order to properly support students and work with management to get what is best for them.

While there were hiccups within the program, for example the fact that the disabilities portfolio was done late at night - leading up until 1am (making it inaccessible for students with disabilities to attend), we were able to get to atsi policy this year, which is essential considering the growing number of atsi students at UTS, and the fact that everyone on the SRC made the campaign promise of specifically supporting atsi students. I endorse the policies released this year, and suggest that all members of the SRC read over it, in order to understand what was passed, as I know that many of action items include affiliated universities - of which UTS is.

Kind Regards,

Kirra Jackson

Bachelor of Communications (Information and Media) Bachelor of International Studies (Latino USA) at UTS

Submitted 22/02/2017

Report by Cameron Hart UTS Delegate to the National Union of Student National Conference

In recently becoming a councillor, I was interested in attending the National Union of Students' (NUS) National Conference (NatCon) in at Waurn Ponds Campus, Deakin University in December 2016. This was a really rewarding experience for me, as I was able to see the greater purpose and workings of student activism on a national scale. It was an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with the ways in the peak advocacy body for students in Australia is run, and also the ways in which other campuses run their student unions, from both within and without New South Wales. As someone who has been involved with the UTSSA for quite some time, it was great to learn about other students and the different issues they have with their state government and also university management, and how they have chosen to resolve them, particularly with the increasing prevalence of the trimester system model, the Turnbull government's push for university fee deregulation, and the ever-changing landscape of education, the future, and employment. Overall, the conference was an interesting experience which enabled me to become more aware and have a deeper understanding of student activism, and why it is so important in our current political climate. Hopefully I will have the chance to attend the conference again, and it was an honour to represent my Association in such a way. Thank

you everyone for this opportunity, especially to Gaberilla Brackneurt-Soldenho for giving me the position to attend NatCon as her official observer.

Submitted 23/02/2017

MOTION C17/36

That the reports from NUS delegates Kirra Jackson and Cameron Hart be accepted.

Moved: Michael Rosser

Seconded: Bijay Sapkota

Motion carried

11. Payment for Promotional Water Bottles

Motion that the UTSSA pay the amount of \$5,200.80 to Promotion Products for the purchase of ordered water bottles immediately

Beatrice Tan noted that this order had been paid.

12. REIMBURSEMENT OF VERTIGO MEDIA OBSERVERS

Motion: To accept Aryan Golanjan's endorsement by Vertigo as a Media Observer and have her reimbursed.

Submitted by James Wilson

With no mover the motion is not put.

Beatrice Tan noted that this had already been done.

12. Digitisation of Vertigo Back Catalogue

Motion: That UTSSA commit to digitising the entire back catalogue of Vertigo and its predecessor, NewsWit, with the intention of uploading them on the Vertigo/UTSSA website as a lasting record of Vertigo/NewsWit since its inception. **Moved:** James Wilson **Seconded:** Cameron Hart

Luke Chapman noted that the UTSSA keeps a hardcopy of materials for research that are available to students upon request.

Michael Zacaratos stated that he likes the idea and will try and get some of the more recent editions of vertigo on the website while advertising the availability of hard copies.

Submitted by James Wilson

With no mover the motion is not put.

13. UTSSA Dental Service

Motion: With continued attacks on student welfare by Government and University Admin, costs of health care are skyrocketing for local and international students alike. With the closure of the secondhand bookshop, this leaves a gap in the welfare services UTSSA provides, and an opportunity to create a new funding stream.

The UTSSA needs to ensure funding into the future both if SSAF is removed, and if not, to boost its bank balance. I propose we look into the introduction and costs of an onsite Dental Service run by UTSSA, with option of working with other relevant university stakeholders such as UTS Admin, Student Services or Activate UTS. **Moved:** James Wilson **Seconded:** Cameron Hart

Norma Cooper remarked on the large scale of the task that is currently beyond the ability of the association to deliver.

Mariah Brown suggested that the UTSSA could investigate the ability to subsidise the services of existing providers.

Submitted by James Wilson

With no mover the motion is not put.

14. Disaffiliation from the National Union of students (NUS)

Motion: That we seek to disaffiliate from the National Union of Students Inc. (NUS) on the basis they do nothing for everyday students and cost us thousands of dollars that could be better spent directly on improving the welfare and education outcomes of UTS Students.

Moved: James Wilson

Submitted by James Wilson

With no mover the motion is not put.

MOTION C17/36

That the UTSSA reaffirms our support of the student services and amenities fee (SSAF) and our affiliation to the National Union of Students as the peak representative body of Australian university students.

Moved: Luke Chapman

Seconded: Norma Cooper

Motion carried

Mariah Brown noted that it is good practice to commence affiliation process as early in the year as possible and that all affiliate bodies should provide value to students at UTS.

Norma Cooper noted that NUS Office Bearer's had contributed articles to the UTSSA student handbook for 2017

15. Move National Union of Students National Conference to Sydney

Motion: That UTSSA write to NUS Head Office expressing our desire to move National Conference to Sydney due to its centrality, ease of cost burden and because holding a conference in Geelong is shit. **Moved:** James Wilson

Submitted by James Wilson

With no mover the motion is not put.

16. Rename the Activist Space to the UTSSA Board room

Motion: To rename the Activist Space to 'UTSSA Board Room'.

Submitted by James Wilson

With no mover the motion is not put.

17. General Business

Alice

Alice Zhang the markets campus committee women's officer announced her intention to conduct a survey of women and non-binary students studying on campus.

Beatrice Tan expressed that this was a very good initiative but noted that from past experience the university may reject survey findings if they are not well constructed. Beatrice suggested that a working group could be established to consult with Norma Cooper and the Deputy Vice Chancellor of education to ensure that the survey is well received by the university.

Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff entered the room at 7:42pm.

MOTION C17/37

That a working group is established to workshop the proposed survey on women and non-binary students.

Moved: Beatrice Tan

Seconded: Norma Cooper

Motion carried

MOTION C17/38

To condemn the recent decision of the fair work commission to reduce Sunday penalty rates.

Moved: Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff

Seconded: Norma Cooper

Motion carried

18. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 7:46 pm

