

Meeting 17/5 of the UTS Students' Association (UTSSA) Student Representative Council held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 22 May 2017 in the Activist Space, Level 3, UTS Building 1.

Present:

Beatrice Tan (President)
Norma Cooper (Education Vice President)
Luke Chapman (Secretary)
Lachlan Barker (Treasurer)
James Wilson (Assistant Secretary)
Christine Saunders (General Councillor)
Gabriella Brackenbury-Soldenhoff (General Councillor)
Leya Reid (Women's Officer)
Adrian Rook (Postgraduate Student's Officer)
Edward Strong (General Councillor)
Peter Zacharatos (General Councillor)

In Attendance:

Mariah Brown (Executive Officer)
Christina Markovska (Case Worker)
Michael Zacharatos (Vertigo)
Taylor Ficarra (Special Needs Officer)
Charles Kekovich

Apologies:

Michael Rosser (Postgraduate Member of University Council)
Harrison Stanton (General Councillor)
Bijay Sapkota (Undergraduate Member of University Council)

AGENDA

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The meeting was opened at 7:15 pm by the chair Beatrice Tan.

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Beatrice Tan acknowledged country.

2. APOLOGIES AND PROXIES

Michael Rosser sent his apologies and proxied to [1] Norma Cooper, [2] Peter Zacharatos, and [3] Adrian Rook.

Harrison Stanton sent his apologies and proxies to [1] Peter Zacharatos, [2] Adrian Rook, [3] Norma Jean, and [4] Beatrice Tan.

Bijay sent his apologies.

MOTION C17/67

That the apologies and proxies be accepted.

Moved: Lachlan Barker

Seconded: Norma Cooper

Motion Carried

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nothing was declared at this point of the meeting.

MOTION C17/68

That the reports be accepted as read en bloc.

Moved: Leya Reid

Seconded: Lachlan Barker

Motion Carried (Edward Strong against)

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- General Meeting of the UTSSA SRC held 18 April 2017

MOTION C17/69

That the minutes of the meeting held 18 April 2017 are an accurate record of proceedings.

Moved: Norma Cooper

Seconded: Edward Strong

Motion Carried

5. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Projects

Our major projects for the year have been the equity loan scheme, and expanding night owl to markets.

The equity loan scheme is set to be implemented by semester two. We are looking at ordering the textbooks for years 1-3 for Business. The Science Society has gotten back to me; they currently cannot help us in implementing it by providing us a comprehensive list of necessary textbooks. Other faculty societies have also not replied to emails. As a result, I will be emailing the deans of the various faculties, with the permission of the provost, in order to ask for their assistance.

The expansion of night owl to markets is underway. We are looking to launch it in semester two. It will run from 5-7pm on Wednesday. The executive officer, the EVP, and I have

brainstormed the ways in which we can bring it to markets. Since the last meeting, a logistical concerns have arisen; how to keep the food warm given the lack of facilities, and where deliveries will be dropped off given that building 5 has no loading dock.

- Office refurbishments

In professionalising the association and making it more people friendly, we are looking at some redecoration of the spaces. I am working on this with reception. The main office will be getting new couches. We're also making some updates to the other autonomous spaces looked after by the association, i.e. the queer space and the womens space.

- Gearing up for o'day

Semester 2 O'day has been set for Thursday 3rd of December. I think we can all agree that it's better to be prepared than to rush at the end. While this semester isn't quite over yet, I've been getting the association geared up for the semester 2 o'day. I will always be away from the third week of June until the first week of July, so the more we can do in advance the better.

I've sent emails to the collective conveners regarding their stalls. I've made a list things we are re-ordering and delegated them; I will be handling the safe sex kits (condoms, lube, dams, and femidoms), Lachlan is handling the water bottles, Norma the jelly beans, and Steph the branded powerpacks and bags. I'm looking at having our logo printed on condom wrappers.

I will also be posting in the working group in the lead up to the event so please regularly check it as we will be needing volunteers to pack the safe sex kits, and the bags.

- Sexual Assault Working Group

Since our last meeting, the sexual assault working group has met for a brainstorm session. We will be meeting again within the next two or so weeks.

I have been given the approval to start a student advisory group comprised of ActivateUTS representatives, and UTSSA office bearers including the women's officers and the conveners/representatives of the women's, queer, disabilities, international and indigenous collectives, in addition to Lachlan and myself.

- Spending

- o Collectives

- Indigenous – \$800 sponsorship of the UTS team for Indigenous Games
- Womens – \$36 paid Facebook promotion, \$250 for the Speak Out bar tab
- Queer – \$250 for the Speak Out bar tab
- Indigenous - \$899.27 for travel to the International Student Conference, \$340 for the International Student Conference registration fees, \$572 for accommodation for the International Student Conference

- o Conferences

- \$50 for 2x Sydney Writers Festival tickets for Vertigo

- \$109.50 for the reimbursement of Lachlan's 2015 NUS NatCon flights
- \$240 for reimbursement of Gabby's NUS 2016 NatCon flights
- \$60 for the ACOSS Post-Budget Breakfast

6. EDUCATION VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi everyone, hope you are well. There are plenty of things to talk about this month. Firstly, we held our first UTS EAG meeting this month. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the NSW EAG meeting. I hope in future meetings the time it is held will be after hours, as many people have requested. At the UTS EAG meeting we discussed the plans for the NDA, surrounding the horrific budget cuts to tertiary education by the Liberal government. The minutes are available in the relevant facebook group. There was a very decent turn out to the protest, with a lot of media coverage which hopefully got the message through. We we simply not roll over for this Liberal government. The President and I also attended the ACOSS Post-Budget Breakfast, where the treasurer Scott Morrison spoke. The President was able to ask a question on behalf of students, to which he replied that university students have to "live within their means" and that if we don't suffer now, services that we use in 30 years like Medicare might not be here anymore. Privatisation task force anyone? We were also told that only 40% of young people go to university. Wow, problem solved. I will be in close contact with NUS in regards to lobbying crossbenchers via letter, email, whatever we can, to vote against these cuts in the upper house. Lastly, we are making great progress in constitutional reform, making steps towards consulting relevant stakeholders and finally coming out with something that is workable. We are an incredibly diverse team, and I am very happy about the things we are getting done this year.

7. SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary's Report May 2017

Constitutional Reform

The UTS Students' Association is undertaking a review of our constitution and governing documents to ensure that the organisation is best able to meet the needs of students. As part of this reform process, the UTSSA Executive is seeking formal feedback from relevant stakeholders. If you would like to take part in this process, please complete this form by 5 pm 29 May 2017. <https://goo.gl/forms/y9JRdOhDANjHkCt23>

A copy of the current constitution, by-laws and election regulations are available at <<https://utsstudentsassociation.org.au/uts-students-association-constitution-and-laws>>

Affiliation to Council of International Students Australia (CISA)

I have been contacted by CISA to affiliate the UTSSA with their organisation for 2017. CISA is a student organisation that represents and advocates for the rights of International Students.

Budget 2017: Students Lose

Malcolm Turnbull and the Liberal Government unveiled budget measures which cost students and harm young people. Tuition fees are set to increase by 7.5%, and we will also have to start repaying our HECS sooner. Despite paying more, it is unlikely that the quality of our education will improve as the government cuts funding to universities. This is all the more frustrating when you consider that many politicians including Malcolm Turnbull got their degrees for free. If you believe that education should be a right for all and not just a commodity for the privileged, then join the National Union of Students Campaign to Make Education Free Again.

(<https://www.facebook.com/makeeducationfreeagain/>)

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

In the time since the last meeting, I've investigated the re-purchasing of waterbottles, negotiated with the Queer Collective about expenses for an end-of-semester event, and researched conference expenditures for Vertigo. I've been very fortunate to have had the opportunity to sit on the Sexual Assault Working Group with various members of the university management team and the first meeting alone was incredibly insightful. I'm excited for more students to become involved in the process as the Project Manager made it clear that student voices need to be prioritised in resolving the issue of sexual assault in the student community. The SAWG briefly raised the idea of having a parallel campaign between management and the UTSSA, something which I commend to councillors. Logistics will likely come out through more student negotiation as the year goes on.

Beatrice and I will continue meeting this week to workshop the budget and I encourage anyone who is interested in involving themselves in the finalisation of the first submission to email us.

I was also lucky enough to be able to attend the NDA last Wednesday. It was fantastic to see such great turnout and to march up Broadway with our wonderful EVP by my side. The budget cuts have disproportionately affected students with no substantive change to housing affordability or the cost of living but a hike in uni fees and less time before which students will be paying back their debt. This year and into future years I should hope that the SRC continues to find new avenues to support the best interests of students, because we certainly have the money for a little bit more output.

9. ASSISTANT SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Assistant Secretary, James Wilson did not submit a report within the deadline. The Secretary will circulate his May report to members via email.

10. WOMEN'S OFFICER REPORT

The end of the semester is always a busy time of the year, with the promise of holidays eclipsed by exam misgivings. The Women's Collective are finding themselves no less busy nor stressed. Having officially elected two tech-savvy social media officers and two highbrowed (the good type) education officers, we are fiercely kicking up an intellectual storm both online and in the women's room. UTSSA Women's Officer, Leya Reid, prepared the team for the AHRC Sexual Assault & Harassment survey results set to be

released early next semester by running a workshop that discussed the issues that have emerged and accordingly developed an action plan.

On the 29th March, the UTS Women's Collective gathered at the Women's March in the Park to demonstrate our support for the women's movement alongside other inspirational local community organisations. We were blessed to hear from the diverse voices of human rights activist Saba Vasefi, No Profit from Rape campaign leader Simone White, Aboriginal rights activist Bronwyn Penrith, UNSW SRC Women's Officer Lizzie Butterworth, Abortion reform activist Darelle Duncan of End12, and Women's March Sydney co-founder Kate Taylor.

Leya Reid attended the Responding with Passion and Vicarious Trauma Workshop hosted by Usyd Woco and delivered by the fantastic team at Rape and Domestic Violence Services Australia. Additionally, Leya and Chloe were contacted by Catharine, from the Respect. Now. Always division to work on the university's campaign to eliminate sexual harassment and assault on campus, responsibly manage incident reports and challenge the toxic culture surrounding rape and gendered violence. Catharine will be working closely with the Women's Collective to ensure that the campaign represents the interests of the student body.

The UTS Women's Collective are very excited to be running a Women's edition of Vertigo Magazine that empowers and showcases the talents of female and non-binary identifying students on campus. The committee was formed over the student study vacation with the help of the Vertigo team who very kindly imparted their knowledge and wisdom. We would proudly like to congratulate the following people elected to the editorial team:

1. Editors-in-chief: [Grace Stals](#), [Aryan Golanjan](#)
2. Creative Director: [Ella Cutler](#)
3. Art Directors: [Isabella Sanasi](#), [Leeanne Nguyen](#)
4. Managing Director: [Leya Reid](#)
5. Arts & Lifestyle Editor: [Georgina Goddard](#)
6. Science & Technology Editor: [Bernice Datu](#)
7. Political Editor: [Susanna Li](#)
8. Showcase Editor: [Chloe Malmoux-Setz](#)
9. Creative Writing Editor: [Isabella Burton-Clark](#)
10. Socio-cultural Editor: [Chelsea Hui](#)
11. Sub-editors: [Tutti Copping](#), [Jordana Wegman](#), [Lana Miletich](#), [Ella Longhurst](#), [Lauren McGuinness](#)
12. Social Media & Marketing Officers: [Ella Longhurst](#), [Bernice Datu](#), [Lana Miletich](#)

Having launched the submission process online, we can't wait to see how the student community interprets the theme 'embody'.

For the rest of the semester, we feel extremely privileged to be collaborating with other student bodies on some challenging projects. In conjunction with the UNSW Women's Collective and USyd Women's Collective, we are hosting the Sex Work, Solidarity & Justice Panel here at UTS. Featuring an impressive

panel of inspirational activists and experienced sex workers, we will be diving into topics surrounding sex worker rights and the various ways they intersect with immigrant, feminist, queer, disability, trans and local communities. We are working in collaboration with the Queer Collective and Out to Party Society to bring to you an open mic event next Thursday at the Loft that celebrates diversity and challenges the mainstream. On June 5th the Indigenous Collective and the Women's Collective are presenting a panel themed 'Empowering Indigenous Women'. We hope to see some of you there!

From bad baes Leya and Chloe

11. ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER OFFICER REPORT

I am happy to report that the Indigenous Collective is successfully moving forward in growing and reinforcing our already strong community.

With assessments building and exams fast approaching the collective has made plans for events and socials to assist with getting our students through the semester.

The members have been heavily involved with organising the Jumbunna Team to attend the 2017 Indigenous University Games. This has allowed for members to form connections with peers and strengthen the Collective. Many of those involved with the Jumbunna Team have also been working with the community outside of the university to give back to youth and community members in the Sydney and Regional NSW areas.

The newsletter continues to be distributed with many contributions from its collective members showcasing the talented works in our community.

The panel event with the Women's Collective is underway and we are proud to be working alongside the Leya and Chloe.

Tjarani Barton-Vaofanua
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Officer

12. WELFARE OFFICER REPORT

13. LOW-SES COLLECTIVE CONVENOR REPORT

14. VERTIGO

1. Remainder of email reimbursement.

At the SRC meeting held 2 February partial reimbursement was passed for the Vertigo email accounts. Partial payment was requested since we were trialing using individual emails for each editor as well as the standard Vertigo accounts, though we were unsure if all the accounts were necessary. This was explained in that meeting and reimbursement until April was passed.

We have since closed one of the accounts. Further, these Google accounts are interconnected with our Google Drives that contain all of Vertigo. If our Vertigo bank account defaults these either become inaccessible or get wiped, so of course we'll be looking to get the remaining \$420.00 reimbursed.

2. Printing Receipts

I have sent Lachlan Barker receipts for the header cards for Volume 2 that we placed on the Vertigo stands, and a receipt for the photography that we had to have printed and scanned for the cover of Volume 3.

The header cards come to \$51.00, and the printed photography comes to \$78.00.

We therefore seek \$129.00.

3. Printer upper spending limit \$900

Rationale:

The editorial team proofs final versions of the magazine on weekends, meaning we either have to print the coloured drafts of the magazine from general UTS printers or Officeworks or World of Print. Printing in colour is important to spot defects that don't arise on the PDF version, and making corrections early saves us from having to spend more money at the actual printers. Any of these print runs cost up to \$30.00, and we do several in a day. So, a printer in the office would be nice.

Printer prices vary incredibly. There are smaller portable ones that connect to laptops for around \$400.00, or heavy duty ones that cost several thousand. This is something I would like to defer to the SRC for and have their opinion on, but I believe that it would be worthwhile investing up to \$900 in a printer that future Vertigo teams could make use of.

Michael spoke to the report

Procedural

Moved Norma

Peter

James against

Edward can we put an upper spending limit on the printer?

James - it would be good to get some quotes

Luke - can this be done through the university

Mariah yes

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Lachaln

Motion carried

Against James Wilson

15. NUS NATIONAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE

MOTION C17/70

That the SRC sponsors the attendance of the members the SRC council and office bearers to the NUS National Education Conference. The Association will directly pay for the conference registration including accommodation. The attendees will have the cost of economy travel from sydney to their accommodation or conference reimbursed to a maximum of \$250 after submitting a written report to the president.

Five members of the education collective will be eligible to apply for reimbursement for the costs of registration, accommodation and economy travel from sydney to their accommodation or conference reimbursed to a maximum of \$250 after submitting a written report to the president.

Three members of vertigo will be eligible to apply for reimbursement for the costs of registration, accommodation and economy travel from sydney to their accommodation or conference reimbursed to a maximum of \$250 after submitting a written report to the president.

Moved: Norma Cooper

Seconded: Peter Zacharatos

Motion Carried

16. GENERAL BUSINESS

Improving Communication & Response Times

Background

This year the UTSSA executive and councillors have worked hard to improve communication with each other and members. This has resulted in faster response times to members questions and more efficient organising. We should commend the new executives and office bearers for this achievement. A formal policy will ensure this practice continues.

The UTSSA is an organisation that should require the executive team to act professionally and attend to business

that is explicitly directed to them. Furthermore the student representative body can only operate at its full potential if it complies with open and responsive communication practices.

MOTION C17/71

That all UTSSA executive members and officer bearers will endeavour to respond to any professional correspondence relating to their duties within a three business day time period. The three business day time frame only applies during week days. If an email is received during weekend hours, the respondent must reply within the next three days commencing from the following Monday. This will not apply to vexatious emails.

Moved: Leya Reid

Seconded: Luke Chapman

Motion Carried (James Wilson abstained)

Affiliation to the Council of International Students Australia (CISA)

Background

The Council of International Students Australia (CISA) is a student organisation that represents and advocates for the rights of International Students. The membership fee for a University Students' Association is \$400.00 per year. The UTSSA has been a member of CISA for a number of years, whilst the 2016 council supported CISA no affiliation fee was paid for 2016. This year we have the opportunity to renew our membership.

MOTION C17/72

That the UTSSA will apply for membership of the Council of International Students Australia (CISA)

for the 2017 membership fee of \$400.00. The UTSSA will pay an additional membership fee of \$400.00 for the year of 2016.

Moved: Luke Chapman

Seconded: James Wilson

Motion Carried

17. CLOSE

Meeting closed at 8:06pm