

UTS SRC Meeting - Tuesday 28th February 2012

Present:

Jade Tyrrell, Lyndal Butler, Danielle Vieira, Rochelle Widdowson, Joe McKenzie, Stephanie Nehme, Jason Ray, Chris Gall, Kate Alway, Mursheda Islam, Leticia Centrone, Alexander Briggs, Rachael Durrant, Angelica Casado, Jasper Pool (Observer), Neha Madhok (Observer), Josh Rebolledo (Observer).

Apologies: Rebecca Pascoe, Sarah Henderson, Debbie Tran, Leona Vicky, Victor Yang, Antriksh Raje, Kate Samardzic, Alison Whitaker

Meeting opened at 5:20pm

1. Acknowledgement of Country – Jade acknowledged country.

2. Declaration of conflicts of interest – none.

3. Previous SRC and Executive minutes

Motion to confirm and accept previous SRC minutes and Executive minutes as true and complete record.

Moved: Jade Tyrrell

Seconded: Leticia Centrone.

CARRIED

3. Resignation of Assistant Secretary from Executive and election of a new Assistant Secretary

Motion to elect Neha Madhok as Returning Officer (RO) for the duration of this meeting.

Moved: Jade Tyrrell

Seconded: Rochelle Widdowson

CARRIED

Neha opened verbal and written nominations from 5:22-5:28pm

Motion that we conduct the elections by show of hands or verbally as opposed to secret ballot.

Moved: Rochelle Widdowson

Seconded: Jade Tyrrell

CARRIED

Joe McKenzie elected Assistance Secretary by majority vote.

4. Election of Welfare Officer

Nominations (verbal and written) open from 5:25-5:30pm

Debbie Tran elected Welfare Officer unopposed.

Motion to accept the Returning Officer's report.

Moved: Alexander Briggs

Seconded: Mursheda Islam
CARRIED

5. Ethno-cultural officer for 2012

That the SRC elects Angelica Casado as Ethno-Cultural Officer for 2012.

Moved: Danielle Vieira

Seconded: Rochelle Widdowson

CARRIED

6. UTSSA office-bearer reports: President and Vice President

Chair handed over to Lyndal Butler with no dissent.

President's Report: Jade Tyrrell

- Annual contracts for the staff have been renewed, as per the Enterprise Bargaining Agreement (EBA).
- Executive officer hired for an additional day, making it four in total.
- Stephanie King will continue in our Marketing Department this year.
- Linda Hoang designed the UTSSA Handbook
- Jethro Lawrence has assisted with stage one of the UTSSA re-brand, including Bookshop and O Day.
- UTSSA is in the process of re-branding to be more engaging for students.
- New slogan developed with assistance of student representatives and with marketing department is OUR VOICE. OUR WAY. OUR SA.
- New material has also been created for the bookshop including t-shirts for the staff to wear, tote bags for student customers, bookmarks, Bookshop banner bugs, postcards for buying and selling and laminated posters.
- At both Kuring-Gai and City O Days and to date, we have registered the greatest number of memberships at this point in the year compared to any other post-VSU year.
- Both O Days were a great success and students have responded positively to the re-brand of the Students' Association.
- Strategic planning is underway. The focus will be on student engagement – of the general student body and student representatives.
- This week we have also opened the Haymarket shop, as part of our planned services expansion. It will be open every weekday, from 11am – 2pm.
- The casework service is heading to Kuring-gai on a weekly basis every Tuesday from 11am – 3pm.
- Bluebird Brekkie Bari is set to start up again tomorrow and will mostly be managed by our Executive Officer.
- Due to the number of services we will be setting up this year, as well as the expansion of our existing ones, we will explore the need to hire a Services Manager.
- The President seeks SRC's direction to take this issue to a personnel meeting and staff meeting before deciding on hiring this person.
- UTS Student Legal Centre is now in the works and the Legal Service Advisory Board has been established. The Board consists of four members, with two students and two academics.
- The President attended the NUS Presidents' Summit.

- This was a good opportunity to share skills and experiences across campuses.
- It was also very encouraging from a UTS perspective as many universities are quite hostile toward their student organisations in comparison.
- The President received a funding grant from the University to attend the Universities Australia Higher Education Conference. This will be held next week in Canberra.
- The President attended the first meeting of Childcare Board for 2012 and seeks the SRC's approval to write this letter expressing our concern to show our support for the provision of childcare at the university, if necessary.
- The President and Education VP attended a roundtable discussion regarding the Base Funding Review, held by the Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education (DIISRTE).
 - They argued for a 10% increase to base funding and flat HECS.

That the SRC endorses Jade Tyrrell to write a letter to UTS to support childcare on campus, if necessary.

Moved: Rochelle Widdowson

Seconded: Lyndal Butler

CARRIED

Chair returned to Jade Tyrrell.

Vice-President: Lyndal Butler

- SA Handbook has been well received by students during O Week.
- Lyndal thanks members of SRC and NUS Officer Bearers for their contributions
- Lyndal attended Kuring-Gai and City O Days, distributed the handbook to students and helped to boost membership of the SA.
- Campaigns for this year include Students' Money to Students, raising awareness about the SSAF, Fund Our Future to put pressure on the government to invest in universities.
- Lyndal has been assisting Jade generally
- Lyndal has also attended UNE and UOW during O weeks to further develop a strong relationship with NUS, as NUS State Environment Officer.

Motion to defer the remaining items to next SRC or Executive meeting.

Moved: Jade Tyrrell

Seconded: Rochelle Widdowson

CARRIED

8. UTSSA staff reports

Apologies have been received from Mariah Brown.

9. Club affiliations

10. Other business

Meeting closed at 6:12pm