

UTS SRC Meeting
30th July, 2012
UTS Students' Association

Present: Joe McKenzie, Jade Tyrrell, Jason Ray, Lyndal Butler, Alison Whittaker, Kate Alway, Danielle Vieira, James Wilson, David Burns.

Apologies: Stephanie Nehme, Debbie Tran, Rachael Durrant, Thomas Robertson, Victor Yang, Antriksh Raje, Rochelle Widdowson, Alexander Briggs, Mursheda Islam, Rebecca Pascoe, Leona Vicky, Angelica Casado, Kate Samardzic.

Meeting Opened: 5:17pm

This meeting is to replace the inquorate June meeting

1. **Acknowledgment of Country** - conducted
2. **Apologies and proxies** – as above, no proxies received
3. **Declarations of conflicts of interest** – none declared
4. **Previous SRC and Executive minutes and business arising** – minutes circulated

Motion: to accept the minutes of the May SRC meeting and the last Executive meeting.

Moved: Lyndal Butler

Second: Alison Whittaker

Carried

Kate Alway questioned what the position is with Eco Copy.

Jade Tyrrell said at the last meeting Eco Copy provided the contract and she requested a revised contract with more detail and an exclusion clause. This had not been provided by Eco Copy and Jade has since received correspondence that the Eco Copy liaison she has been dealing with is leaving the company and a handover is taking place.

Jade Tyrrell recommends that the UTSSA holds off on entering a contract with Eco Copy until another university has signed up.

5. NUS affiliation

Discussion regarding NUS affiliation raised a number of issues and points:

- In light of the SSAF we should consider increasing affiliation fee for NUS, as a number of other Australian campuses have
- Not all campuses have done well under the SSAF
- What difference would an increase to funding make – what does NUS really provide to students, and how has it been effective?
- Having a national representative body is useful for campuses, especially in relation to national education issues and issues affecting students – Education Conference 2012 has been a great example.
- It would be worth considering the budget before deciding on an affiliation amount, which will be possible at the July SRC meeting
- The UTSSA would consider affiliating to other student activist organisations.
- Increasing funding would assist NUS to provide advocacy in different departments, especially for the newly created (Dis)ability Officer.
- NUS should act like a normal union, with students able to join individually.
- Having affiliation fees paid by student organisations is the only incoming funding for NUS and as a body with some full-time office-bearers it enables students to commit themselves full time to their roles, and provide campaign materials to campuses so now that we have the opportunity under the SSAF we could increase affiliation – why not double?
- It would be best to consider affiliation tomorrow, in light of the UTSSA budget, which Mariah will present to the SRC.

Motion: That the SRC defers discussion regarding affiliation to tomorrow's July SRC meeting

Moved: Jade Tyrrell

Second: Lyndal Butler

Carried

6. Reports - President and Education VP

Jade – President's Report

Lyndal – Education Vice President's Report

Written reports provided to SRC.

Motion: to accept the reports of the President and the Education Vice President

Moved: Joe McKenzie

Seconded: Alison Whittaker

Carried

7. Closed campus – discussion

SRC deferred this item to a later date as the member who proposed it was not present.

8. Quorum - discussion

SRC deferred this item to a later date as the member who proposed it was not present.

9. Campaigns, semester two

In light of Education Conference, issues such as Education for Sustainability will be a priority.

UTSSA is open to ideas from SRC members or beyond for campaign priorities for the semester.

Many of the Collectives will be deciding on the campaign direction, such as Education Action Group for education-related campaigns.

10. Other business - none

Meeting Closed: 6:27pm