

UTS SRC Meeting - Thursday 31st May 2012
Minutes

Meeting open at 6:20pm

Present: Jade Tyrrell, Lyndal Butler, Rochelle Widdowson, Joe McKenzie, Danielle Vieira, Chris Gall, Kate Alway, Victor Yang, David Burns, James Wilson, Neha Madhok (observer), Rosa Sottile (observer).

Apologies: Rachael Durrant, Debbie Tran, Leona Vicky, Leticia Centrone, Alison Whittaker, Rebecca Pascoe, Sarah Henderson, Mursheda Islam, Kate Samardzic, Alexander Briggs.

1. Acknowledgement of country

2. Conflicts of interest – none recorded

3. NUS Affiliations:

NUS has invoiced the UTSSA for affiliation fees.

The UTSSA has applied for a reduction in the fee requested by NUS in the past, which is calculated according to the number of students at a campus.

Rosa Sottile from NUS welcomed questions from the SRC.

Members of the SRC discussed the UTSSA possibly affiliating with other relevant organisations as well as NUS and will bring suggestions to the next SRC meeting.

Motion: To defer NUS Affiliation to next meeting.

Moved: Jade Tyrrell

Seconded: Kate Alway

CARRIED

4. UTS Student Legal Service

Motion: That the money allocated to the UTSSA under the SSAF for the legal service (\$200,000) be used as necessary to allow the legal service to function, to be overseen by the Student Legal Service advisory committee set up.

Moved: Joe McKenzie

Seconded: Chris Gall

CARRIED

5. Women's Collective spending

The UTSSA Women's Collective has requested that the SRC approves spending for the cost of attaching their new phone installed in the Women's Room to the wall.

\$140 is the approximate cost for logging an internal job to do this.

Motion: To approve funding (\$140) to mount the phone on the wall.

Moved: Lyndal Butler

Seconded: Rochelle Widdowson

CARRIED

6. QC Conference

Some members of the Queer Collective intend to attend QC and have made requests for covering the cost of registration and accommodation so they can attend.

Motion 1: for the UTSSA to pay for registration costs for nine people (\$900) from the conference budget.

Moved: Kate Alway

Seconded: Lyndal Butler

CARRIED

Motion 2: for the UTSSA to subsidize flights to Adelaide at an amount up to \$100-120 per person.

Moved: Jade Tyrrell

Seconded: Lyndal Butler

CARRIED

7. Office-bearer reports: President and VP

Jade handed over chair to Lyndal and delivered her report:

- Tutor consultation hours – presented a paper to the Associate Deans Teaching and Learning and Shirley Alexander will incorporate the issue of the need for tutor consultation hours/more face to face contact hours in her new Learning 2014 project.
- Future of Honours at UTS – the UTSSA has created a survey around this issue and students will be represented on the working party. Pushing for maximum number of students on working party.
- Save 2SER talks – Letter sent to Managing Director of 2SER expressing concern over change proposal and impact on students.
- Legal Service – Picking up, and it looks to be open before the end of semester with an interim solicitor – have had meetings with the organising committee to discuss logistics and sending out expression of interest for long term solicitor.
- Quality Survey – successful, UTS is coming first in NSW with approximately 1000 responses.
- Ancillary course costs –working with the Associate Dean of Teaching and Learning in Eng & IT to prevent students being charged for an online game for assessment.
- Green Week – the UTSSA is one of the organisations taking part and will run a clothes swap on the Wednesday.
- Flick My Switch – 1496 students voted and 91% in favour of renewable energy on campus by 2015.

Motion: to accept Jade's report

Moved: Joe McKenzie

Seconded: Kate Alway

CARRIED

Jade resumed role of chair

Lyndal Butler delivered her report:

- Assisted with Queer Collective elections and was elected RO.
- Has been running activist training sessions to help with skills including speaking skills and running campaigns.
- Quality Survey – we have met our target of 500
- Flick My Switch – helped to promote the referendum and spoke to students.
- MAP survey – assisting MAP student in running a survey regarding MAP resources and out of date equipment.

- Put submission through Sustainability Steering Committee regarding renewable energy at UTS to call for 100% renewable energy by 2015.
- Helped with clothes swap with Queer Collective/Out2Party

Motion 2: to accept Lyndal's report

Moved: Chris Gall

Seconded: Jade Tyrrell

CARRIED

8. Minutes from previous SRC and Executive meetings (circulated)

Motion: to accept previous minutes as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Joe McKenzie

Seconded: Lyndal Butler

CARRIED

9. Eco Copy

Motion: to initiate process to negotiate with Eco Copy, obtain contact without signing until SRC has approved.

Moved: Rochelle Widdowson

Seconded: Jade Tyrrell

CARRIED

10. Discussion: closed campus

Defer to next meeting.

10. Other business

Motion: To use Skype at the next meeting and trail for possible use in further meetings.

Moved: Kate Alway

Seconded: Joe McKenzie

CARRIED

Meeting closed: 8:01pm