

November UTSSA SRC Meeting

29.11.23 6:30pm Minutes

Attendance:

- Members
 - Will Simmons (General Secretary)
 - Nour Al Hammouri (President)
 - Mariam Yassine
 - Mia Campbell (Welfare Officer)
 - Alyin Cihan (Women's Officer)
 - Saihej Singh
 - Zebadiah Cruickshank (Assistant General Secretary)
 - Rufus Dadd
 - Adrian Lozancic
 - Rose Mores

- Observers
 - Alisa Hamilton
 - Ty Seeto
 - Daewah Thein
 - Noah Hector
 - Adian O'Rouke

- Other
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Proxies Received

1. Rose Mores
 - 1.1. Mia Campbell
 - 1.2. Aylin Cihan
 - 1.3. Bridie O'Kelly

2. Kurt Cheng
 - 2.1. Aylin Cihan
 - 2.2. Mariam Yassine
 - 2.3. Saihej Singh

3. Peter Munford
 - 3.1. Mariam Yassine
 - 3.2. Saihej Singh

- 3.3. Joseph Naffah
- 4. Bailey Riley
 - 4.1. Will Simmons
 - 4.2. Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - 4.3. Laura Currie
- 5. Bridie O'Kelly
 - 5.1. Mia Campbell
 - 5.2. Rose Mores
 - 5.3. Nour Al hammouri
- 6. Laura Currie
 - 6.1. Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - 6.2. Will Simmons
 - 6.3. Bailey Riley
- 7. Joseph Naffah
 - 7.1. Saihej Singh

Agenda:

- 1. Opening of Meeting
 - 1.1. Acknowledgement of Country
 - 1.2. Confirmation of Deputy Chair
 - 1.3. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies
 - 1.4. Declarations of Interest
- 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
 - 2.1. October
- 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
- 4. Correspondence
- 5. Office Bearers' Reports
 - 5.1. President
 - 5.2. General Secretary
 - 5.3. Assistant General Secretary
 - 5.4. Education Officer
 - 5.5. Welfare Officer
 - 5.6. Women's Officer
 - 5.7. International Students' Officer
 - 5.8. Indigenous Students' Officer
 - 5.9. Postgraduate Students' Officer
 - 5.10. Cultural Diversity Officer
 - 5.11. Disabilities Officer
 - 5.12. Queer Students' Officer
 - 5.13. Environment Officer
- 6. Other Reports
 - 6.1. Committees
 - 6.2. Reports from Councillors, Convenors and Staff as requested or required.

- 6.3. Vertigo Report
7. Operational and Procedural Business, Stipends and Reimbursements.
8. Other Business Arising on Notice
 - 8.1 NatCon Motion
 - 8.2 Induction Spending Motion
 - 8.3 Returning Officer Spending Motion
 - 8.4 Floor Stickers Printing for UTSSA services
9. General Business
10. Close of Meeting

Minutes: 6:37pm

1. Opening of Meeting: 6:37 pm

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Given by Nour Al Hammouri.

1.2. Confirmation of Deputy Chair

Motion: to elect Will Simmons as Deputy Chair

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Mariam Yassine

Dissent: n/a

1.3. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

Will: I have received four proxies and apologies:

1. Rose Mores (**in attendance**)
 - a. ~~Mia Campbell~~
 - b. ~~Aylin Cihan~~
 - c. ~~Bridie O'Kelly~~
2. Kurt Cheng
 - a. Aylin Cihan (**accepts**)
 - b. Mariam Yassine
 - c. Saihej Singh
3. Peter Munford

- a. Mariam Yassine (**accepts**)
 - b. Saihej Singh
 - c. Joseph Naffah
4. Bailey Riley
 - a. Will Simmons (**accepts**)
 - b. Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - c. Laura Currie
5. Bridie O'Kelly
 - a. Mia Campbell
 - b. Rose Mores (**accepts**)
 - c. Nour Al hammouri
6. Laura Currie
 - a. Zebadiah Cruickshank (**accepts**)
 - b. Will Simmons
 - c. Bailey Riley
7. Joseph Naffah
 - a. Saihej Singh (**accepts**)

1.4. Declarations of Interest

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. SRC Meeting

Motion: to confirm the SRC Meeting

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Zebadiah Cruickshank

Dissent: n/a

Will: I apologies for the conduct at the previous meeting.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

n/a

4. Correspondence

n/a

5. Office Bearers' Reports

5.1. President

Nour speaks to report
See Appendix

5.2. General Secretary

Take as read
See Appendix

5.3. Assistant General Secretary

Not Received

Zeb: I would like to thank\ Will as Gen Sec, Nour as President, Mia as Welfare, and Anna as our Education Officer. I do not envy Mia or Adam next year as there is a lot of work to be done.

May the gods smile on you

5.4. Education Officer

N/A

5.5. Welfare Officer

Not Received

5.6. Women's Officer

Not Received

5.7. International Students' Officer

Not Received

5.8. Indigenous Students' Officer

Not Received

5.9. Postgraduate Students' Officer

Not Received

5.10. Cultural Diversity Officer

Not Received

5.11. Disabilities Officer

Not Received

5.12. Queer Students' Officer

Not Received

5.13. Environment Officer

N/A

6. Other Reports 6:45pm

6.1. Committees

6.2. Reports from Councillors, Convenors and Staff as requested or required.

6.3. Vertigo Report

7. Operational and Procedural Business,
Stipends and Reimbursements. 6:45pm

8. Other Business Arising on Notice 6:pm

8.1 NatCon Motion

Motion: See Appendix

Moved: Zebadiah Cruickshank

Amendment: See Appendix

Amenable?: Yes

Seconded: Will Simmons

Dissent: n/a

(AMENDMENT)

8.2 Induction Spending Motion

Motion: See Appendix

Moved: Mia Campbell

Amendment: See Appendix

Amenable?: Yes

Seconded: Will Simmons

Dissent: n/a

8.3 Returning Officer Spending Motion

Motion: See Appendix

Moved: Mia Cambell

Amendment: See Appendix

Amenable?: Yes

Seconded: Mariam Yassine

Dissent: n/a

Will: Speaks to the motion

Nour speaks to the motion

“Itial ballot printing”

a. The original tender

b. The cost of the printing of ballots correctly printed and used for the purpose of the UTSSA election.

Aidan Speaks to motio

Mia speaks to motion

8.4 Floor Stickers Printing for UTSSA services

Motion: See Appendix

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Saihej Singh

Dissent: n/a

Will: will these be a permanent installation?

Nour: from my understanding yes.

9. General Business 6:55

Mia: for the people coming to the workshop next week, if there is anything you as a general councilor would like to know, reach out to me and we will include it to help everyone next year.

Aidan: Thanks for a good time, this is probably my last src...

10. Close of Meeting 6:56pm

Appendix

Collated OB Reports November SRC

Nour Al Hammouri President's Report

As the President of the 2024 UTSSA team, I am pleased to reflect on a year of accomplishments, challenges, and growth. Our team has worked tirelessly to enhance the university experience for students, address key issues, and build meaningful partnerships. Here's a comprehensive overview of the highlights from our term:

1. Introducing Free Period Products

One of our proudest achievements was the successful implementation of free period products across the University. This initiative aimed to address a fundamental need for students and contribute to a more inclusive and supportive campus environment. The positive response from the student body underscored the importance of such initiatives in promoting well-being and equity.

2. Action on the SPA

We actively pursued the implementation of the Student Protection Act, advocating for the rights and well-being of students. By working closely with relevant stakeholders and engaging in

constructive dialogue, we made significant strides in ensuring that the SPA was not just a policy but a living, functional mechanism that truly protected and served the student community.

3. Building Strong Partnerships

We forged robust partnerships with key student organisations, including RNA, Activate, and UTS. These collaborations were instrumental in amplifying our impact and addressing a broader spectrum of student needs. By fostering a spirit of unity and shared goals, we strengthened the collective voice of students within the university community.

4. Dynamic Relationship with DVC's Office

Establishing a dynamic working relationship with the Deputy Vice-Chancellors' office was crucial in facilitating effective communication and collaboration. Regular dialogues ensured that student perspectives were considered in decision-making processes, leading to more student-centric policies and initiatives.

5. Extensive Mobile Offices

To remain accessible and attuned to the concerns of the student body, we held numerous mobile offices throughout the year. This direct engagement allowed us to understand the diverse needs of students and provided a platform for open conversations on various issues.

6. "Sharing Is Caring" Welfare Initiative

The launch of "Sharing Is Caring," a collaborative welfare initiative with Activate and RNA, demonstrated our commitment to holistic student well-being. By pooling resources and expertise, we were able to create a more comprehensive support system for students facing challenges in various aspects of their university life.

7. SSAF Committee Launch

Initiating the launch of the SSAF committee in collaboration with the DVC's office was a strategic move to enhance transparency and accountability in the allocation of Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). This committee aimed to ensure that student funds were utilised effectively to meet the diverse needs of the student community.

8. Advocacy on Palestine

Consistently bringing up the issue of Palestine within the UTS executive circles was a testament to our commitment to global justice and human rights. By urging the UTS executive to respond appropriately to this pressing issue, we aimed to contribute to a campus environment that values inclusivity, diversity, and social responsibility. This will come in handy when a new Partnership Framework is established.

In conclusion, the 2024 term has been marked by proactive initiatives, strategic collaborations, and an unwavering commitment to the well-being and rights of the student community. I express my gratitude to the dedicated UTSSA team - Mariah, Biljana, Will and Mia. As we pass the torch to the next leadership, I am confident that the foundation laid this year will continue to shape a positive and impactful student experience at UTS.

Will Simmons General Secretary's Report

I am saddened that this will be my last SRC here at UTS. I have been involved across all four of my University years in this organisation and I would do it all again if I could. I am incredibly proud to have been able to call myself General Secretary, Education Convenor, or General Councillor. I encourage the new team to take advantage of this opportunity and continue to build this Union, to maintain the rage, and be uncompromising in what is right.

That being said, I am looking forward to representing Fortress UTS at the National Union of Students National Conference in December, where I will continue to fight for progressive and socialist policies.

I would like to thank (in no particular order) the following people:

- To Nour Al Hammouri for his tireless work as our glorious and all knowing President this year, and the previous years as councilor and Welfare Officer.
- To Zebadiah Cruickshank, my housemate and StuPol bestie for his sardonic running commentary on all things political and offbeat.
- To Bailey Riley, our other glorious and all knowing President, for being the best of us.
- To Adam Levett, my successor, I am proud to have you take the reins from me, and I wish you all the best as General Secretary.
- To Alisa, Laura, Daewah, Matthew, Samiha, Sina, Hasim, and Jeremy who will no doubt continue the good work of the National Labor Students at UTS.
- To all the others who have ensured that the tireless hours spent at caucuses, elections, negotiations were bearable and worthwhile, Sabrine, Mia, Aidan, Mehmet, and Noah.

In Solidarity, Godspeed Comrades.

Zebadiah Cruickshank Assistant General Secretary's Report

Not Received

Education Officer's Report

N/A

Mia Campbell Welfare Officer's Report

Not Received

Aylin Cihan Women's Officer's Report

Not Received

Joy Xu International Students Officer's Report

Not Received

Bailey Riley Indigenous Officer's Report

Not Received

Laura Currie Postgraduate Officer's Report

Not Received

Arjeez Slamang Ethnocultural Officer's Report

Not Received

George Pond Disabilities Officer's Report

Not Received

Sara Chaturvedi Queer Officer's Report

Not Received

Environment Officer's Report

N/A

Vertigo Team's Report

Not Received

Collated Motions November SRC

8.1 NatCon Motion

Preamble

~~The National Union of Students (NUS) National Conference (NatCon) is an opportunity for student representatives from around the country to shape the policies and campaigns by the NUS for the preceding year.~~

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~~Furthermore, NatCon provides an opportunity for student representatives to upskill, network and deliver initiatives alongside other accomplished student unionists.~~

Motion:

- ~~1. That the UTSSA will purchase the NUS National Conference ticket (inclusive of accommodation and meals) for each of the following:
 - ~~a. The seven elected delegates, or a person nominated to attend on their behalf,~~
 - ~~b. The seven official observers nominated by the delegates to the President,~~
 - ~~c. The outgoing UTSSA Executive members who are not delegates or observers, or their nominee, and~~
 - ~~d. Up to two student media observers, nominated by Vertigo to the President.~~~~
- ~~2. That the UTSSA reimburse each attendee, listed in item 1 of this motion, \$650 for accommodation and/or travel expenses related to their attendance at the NUS National Conference, including activities or caucuses incidental to National Conference.~~
- ~~3. That the observers or proxies are nominated to the President before 12pm, 30 November 2023.~~

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of living crisis - UTSSA should do its best to ensure that students can comfortably attend the conference without placing financial strain on attendees.

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8.2 Induction Spending Motion

Motion:

~~That the UTSSA approves an upper spending limit of \$200 to go towards the costs of an induction for the 2024 SRC team led by the incoming President.~~

Motion as amended:

That the UTSSA approves an upper spending limit of \$500 to go towards the costs of an induction for the 2024 SRC team led by the incoming President.

8.3 Returning Officer Spending Motion

Motion:

~~That the UTSSA approves the RO costs for 2023 election as per the tender provided by Motus - \$13,500 for Returning Officer services and the reimbursement of ballot printing on cost on production of valid receipt.~~

Motion as amended:

That the UTSSA approves the:

- RO costs for 2023 election as per the original tender provided by Motus - \$13,500 for Returning Officer services,
- associated costs on cost on production of valid receipts,
- and the reimbursement of ballot printing correctly printed and used for the purpose of the UTSSA election.

8.4 Floor Stickers Printing for UTSSA services

Motion:

That the UTSSA approves \$2000 for the printing of Floor Decal stickers that would direct people to the various services the UTSSA employs - eg. Bluebird Pantry, Night Owl and so on.