

October UTSSA SRC Meeting 25.10.23

6:30pm Minutes

Attendance:

- Members
 - Will Simmons (General Secretary)
 - Nour Al Hammouri (President)
 - Sara Chaturvedi (Queer Officer)
 - Boris Tam (General Councillor)
 - Zebadiah Cruickshank (Assistant General Secretary)
 - Mia Campbell (Welfare Officer)
 - Joseph Naffah (General Councillor)
 - Aylin Cihan (Women's Officer)
 - Mairam Yassine (General Councillor)
 - Jacqueline (General Councillor)
 - Laura Currie (Post Graduate Officer)
 - Bridie (General Councillor)
 - Peter Munford (UTS Council) (Arrived 6:45pm)

- Observers
 - Arshmah Jamal
 - Matthew Murray
 - Alisa Hamilton
 - Daewah Th
 - Raghav Motani

Proxies Received

1. Harry Ryan
 - 1.1. Nour Al Hammouri
 - 1.2. Rose Mores
 - 1.3. Mia Campbell
2. Rufus Dadd-Daigle
 - 2.1. Joseph Naffah
 - 2.2. Saihej Singh
 - 2.3. Mia Campbell
3. Rose Mores

- 3.1. Joseph Naffah
- 3.2. Bridie O'Kelly
- 3.3. Mariam Yassine
- 4. Saihej Singh
 - 4.1. Aylin Cihan
 - 4.2. Mia Campbell
 - 4.3. Joseph Naffah
- 5. Ali Sobh
 - 5.1. Adrian Lozancic
- 6. Bailey Riley
 - 6.1. Will Simmons
 - 6.2. Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - 6.3. Laura Currie

- 7. George Pond
 - 7.1. Sara Chaturvedi
 - 7.2. Boris Tam
 - 7.3. Adrian Lozancic

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. September SRC Meeting
- 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 Palestine Motion
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: *Mia Campbell*

Dissent: *n/a*

1.3. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

Will: I have received six proxies and apologies:

- Harry Ryan
 - Nour Al Hammouri
 - Rose Mores
 - Mia Campbell (**accepts**)
- Rufus Dadd-Daigle
 - Joseph (**accepts**)
 - Saihej
 - Mia Campbell
- Rose Mores

- Joseph Naffah
- Bridie (**accepts**)
- Mariam Yassine
- Saihej Singh
 - Aylin Cihan (**accepts**)
 - Mia Campbell
 - Joseph Naffah
- Ali Sobh (**void**)
 - Adrian Lozancic (**not in attendance**)
- Bailey Riley
 - Will Simmons (**accepts**)
 - Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - Laura Currie
- George Pond
 - Sara Chaturvedi (**accepts**)
 - Boris Tam
 - Adrian Lozancic
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1.4. Declarations of Interest

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. SRC Meeting

Motion: to confirm the September SRC Meeting Minutes

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Joseph Naffah

Dissent: n/a

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

n/a

4. Correspondence

n/a

5. Office Bearers' Reports

5.1. President

See Appendix

Speaks to his report

5.2. General Secretary

Not received

See Appendix

5.3. Assistant General Secretary

Not received

Zeb: I would like to say congratulations on the very successful result for the UTS Elections, especially to Adrian who has been elected to a third term and secured a NUS Delegate position. The referendum was not what we hoped for, and I hope the 'progressive no's' are happy.

5.4. Education Officer

N/A

5.5. Welfare Officer

Not received

Mia: I would like to encourage that everyone attend the 'Sharing is Caring' clothing swap happening on the alumni green as it is a good cause.

5.6. Women's Officer

Taken as read

See Appendix

5.7. International Students' Officer

Not received

5.8. Indigenous Students' Officer

Not received

5.9. Postgraduate Students' Officer

Not received

Laura: There hasn't been too much happening between now and the last meeting until just today. I have just got back from the Higher Degree by Research Committee regarding making some submissions.

5.10. Cultural Diversity Officer

Not received

5.11. Disabilities Officer

Not received

5.12. Queer Students' Officer

Not received

Sara: We attended a recent Palestine rally.

5.13. Environment Officer

N/A

6. Other Reports 6:44

6.1. Committees

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

6.3. Vertigo Report

Not received

7. Operational and Procedural Business,
Stipends and Reimbursements. 6:44pm

8. Other Business Arising on Notice 6:44pm

8.1 Palestine Motion

Amended motion was heard In Camera

Motion: See Appendix

Dissent: n/a

Motion Passes

Peter Munford joins at 6:45pm

9. General Business

Motion: To hear a motion on notice.

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Zebadiah Cruickshank

Dissent: n/a

Motion: That the UTSSA reaffiliates with the National Union of Students for 2024, and pays the \$38,500 waiver for the purpose of being an accredited member of the National Union of Students.

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Zebadiah Cruickshank

Dissent: n/a

10. Close of Meeting 6:49pm

Appendix

Collated Motions

8.1 Palestine Motion

Preamble:

~~As youth living in the Australian colony, we are outraged and unsurprised that the Australian settler government has decided to stand with Israel on its ongoing genocidal war on Gaza. We must compel the Australian settler government to work towards de-escalation and dismantling the Israeli settler colonial project, its apartheid structures and its occupation of Palestine. We have power, and we must use it effectively to say never again to genocide, not on this Sovereign Indigenous land, not Palestinian land. Sovereignty has never been ceded — the Australian settler colonial government has no authority, legitimacy or consent for war on Palestine. We see the Australian settler colonial government's complicity in the genocide of the people of Gaza as an expansion of its settler colonial domination.~~

~~It is universally acknowledged that Palestinians have suffered deep and ongoing injustices. These must be rectified. Countless resolutions at the United Nations General Assembly, as well as at the Security Council, have called on Israel to withdraw from its military occupation and cease expanding its settlements into the West Bank. Israel has refused.~~

~~As we write, the Israeli settler colony has tightened the siege on Gaza and shut off all electricity to Gaza. There is no way out of Gaza, no safe corridor. Israel is bombing the border crossing, blocking food, water, aid, and essential supplies from entering the Gaza strip. Gaza's only power plant that supports essential life services that depend on electricity, like hospitals, has now run out of fuel.~~

~~We call on all young people in this country to stand with us and demand a stop to the complete genocide of Palestinians in Gaza. We demand that Australian MPs immediately defect from their abhorrent stance with the Israeli colony while it bombards, besieges and commits war crimes in Gaza.~~

Motions:

~~The UTSSA supports the movement to free Palestine and is in favour of all rallies that are called in support of this cause.~~

~~The UTSSA strongly condemns antisemitism, and furthers the belief that Palestinian activism is not antisemitic. We also strongly condemn everyone who spouts antisemitic rhetoric.~~

~~The UTSSA also condemns the virile anti-Arab racism, and islamophobia that has grown in furore in Media, and opposes the narrative that Palestinians, and their allies, are terrorists, inherently violent and dangerous.~~

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Motion as amended

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Collated Reports

Nour Al Hammouri President's Report

- We've finally held our elections, and I would like to congratulate and commend everyone on their efforts, and trials, irrespective of their outcomes. I'd like to congratulate Mia Campbell on being elected as the 2024 President of the UTS Students' Association
- The times lately have been quite tough, hence my inactivity with the recent events unfolding back home, directly affecting my family members.
- I would also like to remind you to keep pushing our survey for the pilot period products! You can use this link; https://utsau.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0wuFUUVGf1Tljro or the posts we've been circulating around. Without sufficient survey results, there is no guarantee that these period products will continue to be served and available next year.

Will Simmons General Secretary's Report

Not Received

Zebadiah Cruickshank Assistant General Secretary's Report

Not Received

Education Officer's Report

Not Received

Mia Campbell Welfare Officer's Report

Not Received

Aylin Cihan Women's Officer's Report

This month we've seen a successful use of the new free hygiene products across campus and have been able to respond to inquiries from students regarding the type of products use their shelf life and locations. To aid this process we have also put-up posters in many of the

women's bathrooms letting them know where they can access the products. We also received inquiries from students asking to speak with the UTS students association and women's collective to use in their own assignments. With this new attention from interested students we have been able to utilise it to garner further support and advertising for the project and also indicates the profound impact the free pads and tampons are having on student life at UTS. The support and interest from students are ongoing and greatly appreciated as the women's collective has another upcoming interview on the project to assist with another students assignment. Overall, this initiative has shown to be a great achievement for the students association and has had a positive impact on the wellbeing of students.

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

Sara Chaturvedi Queer Officer's Report

Not Received

Environment Officer's Report

Not Received

Vertigo Team's Report

Not Received

