

September UTSSA SRC Meeting

27.09.23 6:30pm Minutes

Attendance:

- Members
 - Will Simmons
 - Nour Al Hammouri
 - Adrian Lozancic
 - Saihej Singh
 - Joseph Naffah
 - Peter Munford
 - Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - Laura Currie
 - Sara Chaturvedi
 - Mariam Yassine
 - Rose Mores
 - Jacqui Bodill
 - Bridie O'Kelly
 - Mia Campbell (Arrived 6:37pm)
 - George Pond
 - Boris Tam
- Observers
 - Daewah Thein
 - Adam Levett
 - Sina Afsharmehr
 - Bilvika Abburi
 - Joe Hathaway Wilson
 - Ty Seeto
 - Dirk Hoare
 - Sabrina Yassine
 - Aidan O'Rourke
- Other
 - Lisa
 - Jennifer

Proxies Received

1. Joy Xu

- a. Saihej Singh
 - b. Nour Al Hammouri
 - c. Mia Campbell
2. Aylin Cihan
 - a. Mia Campbell
 - b. Saihej Singh
 - c. Mariam Yassine
3. Rufus Dadd
 - a. Bridie O'Kelly
 - b. Joseph Naffah
 - c. Mariam Yassine
4. Harry Ryan
 - a. Nour Al Hammouri
 - b. Mia Campbell
 - c. Rose Mores
5. Ali Sobh
 - a. Adrian Lozancic
6. Bailey Riley
 - a. Will Simmons
 - b. Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - c. Laura Currie
7. Kurt Cheng
 - a. Mariam Yassine
 - b. Joseph Naffah
 - c. Bridie O'Kelly

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. January (RepsElect) SRC Meeting
 - 2.2. Emergency 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 Vertigo Election Edition
 - 8.2 EthnoCon Motion
 - 8.3 Disabilities Convenor Motion
 - 8.4 Budget Approval Motion
 - 8.5 Handbook Motion
 - 8.6 Queer Charity Trivia Motion
 - 8.7 Period Product Promo Printing
9. General Business
10. Close of Meeting

Minutes: 6:33pm

1. Opening of Meeting: 6:33 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: Joseph

Dissent: n/a

1.3. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

Will: I have received several proxies and apologies:

8. Joy Xu
 - a. Saihej (**Accepts**)
 - b. Nour Al Hammouri
 - c. Mia Campbell
9. Aylin Cihan
 - a. Mia Campbell
 - b. Saihej Singh
 - c. Mariam Yassine (**Accepts**)
10. Rufus Dadd
 - a. Bridie O'Kelly
 - b. Joseph Naffah (**Accepts**)
 - c. Mariam Yassine
11. Harry Ryan
 - a. Nour Al Hammouri
 - b. Mia Campbell
 - c. Rose Mores (**Accepts**)
12. Ali Sobh
 - a. Adrian Lozancic (**Accepts**)
13. Bailey Riley
 - a. Will Simmons (**Accepts**)
 - b. Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - c. Laura Currie
14. Kurt Cheng
 - a. Mariam Yassine
 - b. Joseph Naffah
 - c. Bridie O'Kelly (**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: Joseph Naffah

Dissent: n/a

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

n/a

4. Correspondence

n/a

5. Office Bearers' Reports

5.1. President

Reads Report

See Appendix

5.2. General Secretary

Take as read

See Appendix

5.3. Assistant General Secretary

Taken as read

See Appendix

5.4. Education Officer

N/A

5.5. Welfare Officer

Taken as read

See Appendix

5.6. Women's Officer

Taken as read

See Appendix

5.7. International Students' Officer

Take as read

See Appendix

5.8. Indigenous Students' Officer

No report was received

5.9. Postgraduate Students' Officer

I've finally been able to get in contact with the HDR committee and been invited to the monthly meeting. I'm aiming to collate stats data and concerns, to increase stipends for research students. According to most research the lack of money is the biggest issue, and at the very least we should get minimum wage

Take as read

See Appendix

5.10. Cultural Diversity Officer

Take as read

See Appendix

5.11. Disabilities Officer

Take as read

See Appendix

5.12. Queer Students' Officer

Take as read

See Appendix

5.13. Environment Officer

N/A

6. Other Reports 6:41

6.1. Committees

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

Fran: we've been busy with elections and trying to get donations for the pantry.

6.3. Vertigo Report

Joe: we will be promoting the 50 year of student publications in october please try to attend.

7. Operational and Procedural Business, Stipends and Reimbursements. 6:41pm

8. Other Business Arising on Notice 6:41pm

8.1 Vertigo Election Edition Motion

Motion: See Appendix

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Sara Chaturvedi

Dissent: n/a

Will speaks to motion

Joe speaks to the motion

Nour speaks to the motion

Biljana speaks to the motion

Joe:

Here's the quote from UTS about printing a zine. The estimated page number was informed by the size of the UTSSA election guide in 2021 (32 pages and printed on approx. A4-sized paper). The election guide in 2022 was substantially larger still (46 pages, also on approx. A4-sized paper).

Election Booklet

Finished Size : A5

32pp + 4pp cover

Cover print – 4pp Digital colour print duplex throughout

Text print – 32pp Digital colour print duplex throughout

Cover stock – 300GSM Pacesetter Laser

Text stock – 100GSM Pacesetter Laser

Binding – Saddle Stitch

<i>Quantity</i>	<i>500</i>	<i>1000</i>
<i>Cost (exGST)</i>	<i>\$1,695.65</i>	<i>\$3,140.34</i>

In light of this. I would like to propose a motion for an upper-spending limit of \$3,200.

*Vertigo, according to all receipts available to us, has spent a combined total of between \$17k and \$18k in 2023. This includes: **Vol. 1 printing** (slightly under \$10.5k), **Vol. 2 printing** (\$6.2k), **Issuu subscription** (\$528), and the **Website fee** (\$30). As far as I can see, we have not been billed for our Google email addresses or Drive account. Other costs under the student publications section of the UTSSA budget that were not a part of the editorial team's requested budget include: our **honorariums** (approx. \$51k), the **research project** (approx. \$18k), **overheads**, and the **UTSSA social media position**.*

8.2 EthnoCon Motion

Moved: *Mia Campbell*

Seconded: *Peter Munford*

Dissent: *n/a*

8.3 Disabilities Convenor Election

Motion: *See Appendix*

Moved: *George Pond*

Seconded: *Sara*

Dissent: *n/a*

8.4 Budget Approval Motion

Motion: *See Appendix*

Moved: *Peter*

Seconded: *Mia*

Dissent: *n/a*

Nour speaks to the motion

Will questions the motion

8.5 Handbook Motion

Motion: See Appendix

Moved: Peter Munford

Seconded: Mia Campbell

Amendment: That the UTSSA approves an upper spending limit of \$10,000 for the printing and designing of handbooks for 2024 and beyond in a suitable format incorporating aspects of previous handbooks with practical use, with the capacity for an online publication as well.

Amenable to mover: Yes

Dissent: Will Simmons

For: 10 + 1

- Peter Munford
- Mia Campbell
- Joseph Naffah
- Mariam Yassine
- Rose Mores
- Saihej Singh
- Harry Ryan's Proxy
- Kurt Cheng's Proxy
- Joy Xu's Proxy
- Aylin Cihan's Proxy
- Nour Al Hammouri's Casting Vote

Against: 10

- Will Simmons
- Zebadiah Cruickshank
- Adrian Lozancic
- George Pond
- Sara Chaturvedi
- Boris Tam
- Jacqui Bodill
- Laura Currie's Proxy
- Ali Sobh's Proxy
- Bailey Riley's Proxy

8.6 Queer Charity Trivia Night Spending

Motion: See Appendix

Moved: Sara Chaturvedi

Seconded: George Pond

Dissent: n/a

8.7 Period Product Promo Printing

Motion: See Appendix

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Rose Mores

Amendment: That the UTSSA approves an upper spending limit of \$600 for the printing of posters that will be used to promote the Free Period Products and Survey.

Amenable to mover: Yes

Dissent: n/a

9. General Business

Procedural Motion: To here a motion in General Business

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Peter Munford

Dissent: n/a

Motion: That the UTSSA confirms the following to be appointed to the Election Tribunal

- Jennifer Burn
- Youngone Oh
- Eliza Lo Russo

Moved: Joseph Naffah

Seconded: Peter Munford

Dissent: n/a

10. Close of Meeting 7:39pm

Appendix

Collated Motions September SRC

8.1 Vertigo Election Edition Motion

Motion:

That the UTSSA approve an upper spending limit of \$500 for the Vertigo Editorial Team to produce, publish and print the '2023 UTSSA Election Edition' in the lead up to the 2023 UTSSA Election.

8.2 Ethno Con Motion

EthnoCon has officially been called, and will take place between Sept 27th and Sept 29th. This years theme is "Our Voices | Our Spaces | Our Rights". More information can be found <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1106917>

Motion : *That the UTSSA allows for the current President to be afforded the opportunity to attend EthnoCon.*

That the UTSSA reimburse the President, upon return, with an upper limit of \$1000 for costs towards flights and accommodation.

8.3 Disabilities Convenor Election Motion

Preamble: Elections were held May 2nd for a convenor position, Lachlan Purvis was elected.

Motion: *That the Disabilities Collective elects Lachlan to be Disabilities Convenor.*

8.4 Budget Approval Motion

The 2024 Budget has been tentatively allocated and will be discussed at the next SSAF Committee meeting, it has been attached and I am happy to take questions about this offline with anyone. The most notable difference to the budget of 2023, is more money to be allocated towards Bluebird Brekkie.

Motion: *That the UTSSA tentatively approves the budget for 2024, and accepts that changes might be made pending a shift in funding, focus and remit by the current and incoming President.*

8.5 Handbook Motion

After considerable thought and planning, the format of the handbook will be changed from a magazine type item to a diary/agenda that'll have relevant key information inside of it. The remaining content will still be collated but provided online and in a more accessible manner.

Motion: *That the UTSSA approves an upper spending limit of \$10,000 for the printing and designing of handbooks for 2024 and beyond.*

8.6 Queer Charity Trivia Night Spending

Preamble: Our Charity Trivia Night occurred on September 4th. As ticket sales were donated, costs for catering and prizes were split 3 ways between QC, UTS Darlings and UTSoC for the following:

Prizes:

- Westfield Gift Cards: \$52.95
- Movie tickets: \$80

Catering: \$280

Total: \$412.95

QC Portion: \$137.65

Motion: *That the UTSSA passes spending of \$137.65 to cover catering and prize costs for Queer Charity Trivia Night.*

8.7 Period Product Promo Printing

Motion: *That the UTSSA approves an upper spending limit of \$300 for the printing of posters that will be used to promote the Free Period Products and Survey.*

Collated OB Reports September SRC

Nour Al Hammouri President's Report

Welcome back to another SRC meeting! We're almost done with the year, and if you've nominated to sit on the 2024 SRC – good luck! If you have any questions about the election, please direct them to the RO!

- Period Products are FINALLY installed! It has been a long time coming, but they're in! Locations are as follows.

- CB02.03 (Food Court) Female and Gender-Neutral Bathrooms
- CB07.03 (Behind Cornerstone) Gender-Neutral Bathroom

- CB11.04 Female Bathroom
- CB01.03 (Underground) Female Bathroom
- 2 separate surveys will be launched (very soon), collecting data about usage, feedback, and satisfaction. One survey will be in the bathrooms, and the other will be around the university.
- A poster run will be needed (hopefully next week) and I will need help with this, so please message or email me if you can help. I want the posters everywhere.
- I'm currently in Adelaide at EthnoCon, so if you'd like me to ask other campuses for info about different campaigns or items please let me know and I can get that information for you.
- As I write this, we currently sit at 948 signatures, which still isn't enough – we need to get towards 2000. Please share it to as many places as you possibly can. Link can be found here.
- I will also be speaking at the next Academic Board Forum, the question being put is “What is the role of a university in today's society and how does this impact our academic mission?”
- If there is anything you'd like me to mention or bring up please let me know and I will endeavor to mention them.

Will Simmons General Secretary's Report

Since our last meeting I have been focusing my time on the Sydney for Yes campaign (who are assisting our 'UTS Students' for Yes' campaign and provided us with O-Day volunteers and materials). We have organised door knocks, phone banking, leafleting, stalls, and other events. Including a stall out the front of the UTS Tower Building.

We will be organising a BBQ this coming Saturday in Glebe not too far from the University, I highly encourage people to attend or to join in their local campaigns.

I have also been in contact with the Vertigo Team to facilitate the election edition.

Given we will not meet again til after the 2023 UTSSA, I would also like to commend those who have been preliminarily elected for the 2024 SRC Term, in particular Mia Campbell who will be the next President, and Adam Levett who will be taking on the role of General Secretary after me. I could not be more excited to see what they achieve. I wish all candidates the best of luck.

Zebadiah Cruickshank Assistant General Secretary's Report

September Report.

This month I have continued to campaign for the referendum. I joined members of the wollongong students union to campaign for the Voice to Parliament in the Illawarra. While the polling has us down we are not yet out, the only polling that matters is on election day. I call on the members of our students association to double down in our efforts for a successful referendum.

Education Officer's Report

Mia Campbell Welfare Officer's Report

Over the last month, the Welfare Collective has been a part of the following events:

1. Discover Sydney Walk in collaboration with ActivateUTS

This was a really successful event, and was great to get the UTSSA involved with more casual and fun-centred events for student well-being like this. There was lots of engagement at the walk so hopefully this will translate into future engagement with the collective!

1. Bring Back Bluebird Brekkie Campaign

The dates have been set for our instalments of Bluebird Brekkie - Wednesday 11th of October and Monday 23rd of October. We are still promoting the campaign through the petition - currently up to 948 signatures, which is huge - but hopefully these instalments will show a real-life example of the importance of the service and student appreciation.

1. Sharing is Caring pt 2

We will hopefully be collaborating with ActivateUTS and RNA again for the second "Sharing is Caring" clothes swap event of the semester. This event will emphasise the "Dress for Success" side of the clothes swap to hopefully provide free business/corporate attire for students. Please reach out to me if you'd like to be involved!!

Aylin Cihan Women's Officer's Report

As we headed into to September the Women's Collective has made great progress with our new program to include free pads and tampons across the University. We met with a team to create discuss options in creating a survey that would come out at the same time of the initiative to get general feedback on how we could improve. The Womens Collective also conducted their own market research where we asked students first hand surrounding there experiences with periods at university and how they would feel if UTS were to introduced

free hygiene products on came. In doing so, we received a great deal of mixed answers and created a survey that accurately aimed to discuss these issues and to facilitate a new discuss on what to do next. Currently, we are excited to announce that a couple of period product dispensers have now been put in in the bathrooms and will be there till the end of the semester. We have also started our campaign to market the new initiative to reach as many students as possible so they can hopefully benefit from the program. This has includes posters all over the university and a few small posts made on social media with more to come as we slowly start to head into the initiative.

Joy Xu International Students Officer's Report

In September 2023, we had 3 new members.

We helped to promote two research project targeting international students by sharing their survey link on our social media.

Our convenor will be running the next term for international student officer within SA. It would be good to see more potential nomination.

Bailey Riley Indigenous Officer's Report

Laura Currie Postgraduate Officer's Report

Arjeez Slamang Ethnocultural Officer's Report

George Pond Disabilities Officer's Report

It has been a slow month for the disabilities collective but we have achieved a few goals we have been working on for some time.

The list detailing the issues of inaccessibility and ableism around campus has been finalized by the collective and has now been sent off to Nour to discuss with management, this has been a part of a longtime campaign that we have been running for nearly two years now.

We have also been in talks with accessibility about updating the SURRS room, the information from these consultations shall then be passed onto the library as they prepare to update the assistive technology rooms.

Sara Chaturvedi Queer Officer's Report

In September, the UTS Queer Collective held their Charity Trivia Night alongside UTSoC and UTS Darlings. With a turn-out of over 50 people, we all had a great time, despite our team coming last. We enjoyed stepping out of our space and having a non-autonomous Event!

Recently, the door to the Queer Space had been acting up, with the card access being perpetually unlocked until someone tapped their card. However, after long negotiations with security this has finally been fixed.

As we come to the end of the year, we are looking to hold educational events, following some collective member's attendance at the ASEN Training Camp earlier this month. Interest has been expressed for Drug and Sex Ed Workshops, along with Zine making and restocking badges in the Space.

Environment Officer's Report

Vertigo Team's Report

