

February UTSSA SRC Meeting

28.02.23 6:00pm Minutes

Attendance:

- Members
 - Will Simmons (General Secretary)
 - Nour Al Hammouri (President)
 - Rose Mores
 - Joseph Naffa
 - Saihej Singh
 - Aylin Cihan (Women's Officer)
 - Joy Xu (International Students Officer)
 - Ali Sobh
 - Bridie O'Kelly
 - Adrian Lozancic
 - Anna Theiben (Education Officer)
 - Boris Tam (Environment Officer)
 - George Pond (Disabilities Officer)
 - Sara Chaturvedi (Queer Officer)
 - Mariam Yassine
 - Mia Campbell (Welfare Officer)
 - Zebadiah Cruickshank (Assistant General Secretary)
 - Jacqui Bodill
 - Arjeez Slamang (Ethnocultural Officer)
 - Kurt Cheng
 - Peter Munford (Arrived 6:45)

- Observers
 - Aidan O'Rouke
 - Adam Levett
 - Joseph Hathaway-Wilson
 - Rodger Liang
 - Ty (Vertigo)
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- Other
 - Kylie Readman DVC ES
 - Mariah Browne
 - Biljana O'Connor

Proxies Received

1. Kurt Cheng
 - 1.1. Mariam Yassine
 - 1.2. Mia Campbell
 - 1.3. Nour Al Hammouri
2. Peter Munford
 - 2.1. Saihej Singh
 - 2.2. Rose Mores
 - 2.3. Mia Campbell
3. Bailey Riley
 - 3.1. Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - 3.2. Laura Currie
 - 3.3. Will Simmons
4. Harry Ryan
 - 4.1. Laura Currie
 - 4.2. Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - 4.3. Will Simmons

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Minutes: 6:05pm

1. Opening of Meeting: 6:07 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: Zebadiah Cruickshank

Dissent: n/a

1.3. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

Will: I have received four proxies and apologies:

- Kurt Cheng
 - **Mariam Yassine (accepts)**

- Mia Campbell (Mia)
- Nour Al Hammouri
- Peter Munford
 - **Saihej Singh (accepts)**
 - Rose Mores
 - Mia Campbell
- Bailey Riley
 - **Zebadiah Cruickshank (accepts)**
 - Laura Currie
 - Will Simmons
- Harry Ryan
 - Laura Currie
 - Zebadiah Cruickshank
 - **Will Simmons (accepts)**

1.4. Declarations of Interest

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

2.1. January (RepsElect) SRC Meeting

Motion: *to confirm the previous minutes of the January (RepsElect) SRC Meeting*

Moved: *Will Simmons*

Seconded: *Zebadiah*

Dissent: *n/a*

Nour: Amend the minutes to remove the use of the word 'shit' from my comment, and record my vote in the Ethnocultural Election

2.2. Emergency SRC Meeting

Motion: *to confirm the previous minutes of the Emergency SRC Meeting*

Moved: *Will Simmons*

Seconded: *Zebadiah*

Dissent: *n/a*

George: I was dead named in minutes, and want it amended.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

n/a

4. Correspondence

n/a

5. Office Bearers' Reports

5.1. President

Nour: I've met with Kylie and discussed many items, ChatGPT, more pressing concerns, talked about how uts deals with misconduct, refinement of the rules, changed definitions and added examples. I've invited her today to address the SRC and answer questions.

Kylie: Thanks for the invitation, thank you for coming, we've had a good start to the year.

We've been working on the Student Experience Framework - how we should frame student experience with regards to success in a post-covid world. Recognising that every students experience is different.

The plan has Five elements:

Students Success - personal and academic goals (students goals might change over time and different students different goals. Academic engagement - careers, curriculum, etc. Belonging - clubs, societies, and student culture. Wellbeing - overall satisfaction with life, mental health, and safety on campus. Partnerships - with students (SPA), relationships of respect and collaboration and mutual benefit.

We are addressing teaching models post covid, - balanced, flexible learning, what do students want and how do we get there.

Academic misconduct - what is the value of a UTS qualification, as well as making sure the university gives clear understandings of what is and is not okay.

I am keen to hear about feedback. Student leaders roundtable, I've been invited to a regular meeting with student representatives.

With SSAF funding, we are having a close look at the additional funding (70k), signaling how the enrollment goes. More transparency around SSAF's, competitive process. Government reporting is changing, regarding its impact and how it's spent. The other thing is we can see how each of the services receive SSAFs.

Will: what is meant by competition?

Kylie: We are looking at fair allocation of funding.

Anna: What is the make up of this committee?

Kylie: 50% staff, 50% student

Adrian: How do you intend to be transparent?

Kylie: Currently, all money that is spent with SSAFs is meant to be transparent, and on our website, we will continue this.

Mariah: I've looked at a new report, we've had KPI's and an online component? Could you elaborate on the online part?

Kylie: In the government funding they are asking for two things, how many students are receiving and accessing a service - and how many are online. No requirement just reporting what's online versus what's on campus.

Nour: I think we should have a town hall style meeting to allow people to ask questions and discuss with you [Kylie] further.

Procedural Motion: to suspend standing orders so that Kurt Cheng can give a Council report before the General Secretary's Report.

Mover: Rose Mores

Second: Joseph Seconds

Dissent: n/a

Kurt Cheng: We are creating a student round table, to provide insight to Kylie directly, worth mentioning that Kylie supports the SPA and the work put into that is in motion, in terms of a general update, we have a council retreat and discuss the future of uts. We have award ceremonies.

We are also unveiling our welcome signs in mid to late march, along with council. You might have seen them around local councils, it took a lot of effort. There will be a community barbeque.

Nour reads his report as distributed

See Appendix

5.2. General Secretary

Will: Since taking office in December I have been working on a number of things. Firstly, getting the

hang of minutes, motions, and meetings including RepsElect and the Emergency Meeting.

Secondly, I am happy to report that the Handbook has been printed and distributed across campus. I think it came out incredibly well, and I would like to thank everyone again who contributed to the Handbook.

Thirdly, I approved the first issue of Vertigo for printing. I encourage everyone to go pick up their copy. I have begun working with Joe from Vertigo and others to ensure increased cooperation between the SRC and Vertigo by enshrining a 'Vertigo Report' into our standing orders to allow the team to have a voice at SRC. As well as the establishing a new 'Vertigo Committee' with the aim of the SRC and the Vertigo to work together collaboratively to improve the magazine and strategize with securing more funding from University Management. All of which we will discuss later at this meeting - and I hope to have the full support of the SRC on these.

And lastly, I have currently embarked on a project with the UTS Library to see the feasibility of digitally archiving and preserving our Student Magazine Vertigo which until the 1990's had been published as 'NEWSWIT'. Our current archive dates back to the early 1970s. The main issue is twofold. One, it is largely inaccessible to members outside of the executive and Vertigo Team as it is physically stored in the basement. And two, only having one copy of it means that it is incredibly vulnerable to being lost forever in the case of an accident. I am meeting with Simon Cootes (UTS Library Manager of Collections and Discovery) next week with the hope that the Library will agree to digitise the 50 year history of the magazine so that everyone is able to access and enjoy it. This is ultimately a worthwhile project for the UTSSA, as our history is so often oral and the physical records of the collective hardwork of the Union and of Student Journalists are the only thing we really have. It would be a shame to lose it to time.

5.3. Assistant General Secretary

Taken as read

See Appendix

5.4. Education Officer

Taken as read

See Appendix

5.5. Welfare Officer

Taken as read

See Appendix

Mia Campbell: One thing - we have a meeting in two weeks from tomorrow, we had a good day at o'day and want more community involvement

5.6. Women's Officer

Taken as read

See Appendix

5.7. International Students' Officer

Joy: O-day we had 28 new sign up, 300 members in total, we distributed lots of materials so that will be helpful, we met with Kurt - to address international student return and rental crisis. UTS Indian Club is keen to partner with the UTSSA, particularly the pantry, we want to engage more with the collectives themselves.

5.8. Indigenous Students' Officer

No report was received

5.9. Postgraduate Students' Officer

***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

***Take as read
See Appendix***

6. Other Reports 6:37pm

6.1. Committees

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

7. Operational and Procedural Business, Stipends and Reimbursements. 6:38pm

8. Other Business Arising on Notice 6:38pm

8.1 Vertigo Motions

Amendments to Standing Orders

See Appendix

Aidan: This motion has two parts. First thing is to allow Vertigo to issue a report, the council has the ability to ask for information etc.

Second Thing: grammatical errors - I wrote most of the standing orders in a relatively short period in 2021, as such there are a couple of changes need to clean it up.

Adrian: Does action 7 removes speaking limits?

Aidan: Nope.

Adrian: why does it disallow people to vote on the minutes

Aidan: Essentially if you weren't at the meeting so you can confirm the accuracy of those minutes.

Anna Theiben leaves the meeting at 6:40pm

Motion: Standing Orders

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Zebadaiah Cruickshank

Dissent: Adrian Lozancic

Adrian Lozancic's proposed amendment: to change 'are encourage to abstain to....."
Councillors not present at the meeting described by the minutes being confirmed are encouraged to abstain from confirming those minutes."

Not amenable to Mover

Seconded: Boris Tam

For:

- Boris Tam (Environment Officer)
- George Pond (Disabilities Officer)
- Sara Chaturvedi (Queer Officer)
- Arjeez Slamang (Ethnocultural Officer)
- Ali Sobh
- Adrian Lozancic

Against:

- Will Simmons (General Secretary)
- Harry Ryan's proxy (held by Will Simmons)
- Zebadiah Cruickshank (Assistant General Secretary)
- Bailey Riley's proxy (held by Zebadiah Cruickshank)
- Mia Campbell (Welfare Officer)
- Aylin Cihan (Women's Officer)
- Joy Xu (International Students Officer)
- Rose Mores
- Joseph Naffa
- Bridie O'Kelly
- Mariam Yassine
- Kurt Cheng's proxy (held by Mariam Yassine)
- Saihej Singh
- Peter Munford's proxy (held by Saihej Singh)
- Jacqui Bodill

Amendment Fails

Motion Passes Unanimously

Vertigo Committee

See Appendix

Will speaks to the importance of being proactive in addressing the challenges that Vertigo is facing, and not letting the opportunity pass us as management will look to our complacency and unwillingness to change as an excuse to further cut Vertigo. And that it encourages cooperation between the SRC and Vertigo Team.

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Zebadiah Cruickshank

Nour al Hammouri's Proposed Amendment: that 2.e be replaced with 'Mariam Yassine and Bridie O'Kelly'

Amenable to the mover

Dissent: n/a

Anna Theiben returns at 6:48pm

Approval of Vertigo launch party

See Appendix

Joe gives an explainer of the motion as to why it was not brought to approval before it was advertised, stating he was unfamiliar with the process. Clarifies that Vertigo [read the UTSSA] will not be the ones providing/serving alcohol.

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Rose Mores

Dissent: n/a

8.2 Vertigo Budget Motion

Nour: With this you will only have 13k leftover for semester two

Joe: I believe its 15,500\$ left over.

Joe: this is for our first semester budget, we would have proposed a full year but we don't know with management. If we get 129k we will have 15.5k left over. So 6 issue suite. We've worked on quite extensively.

Nour: I was looking at the budget - postage and stamp money

Joe: postal issues for international students.

Adrian: do we have data on readership,

Joe: we only have 1000 out of 3000 copies left

Jaquie: Email domain prices?

Joe & Nour: this is a standard price

George Pond leaves at 6:57pm

Joe: We will have enough money for sem two

Nour: is it being sent out to other universities

Joe: They are going home to families, yes.

Nour: we need the magazines to go to students, not family.

Adrian: What about environmental concerns regarding cardboard, will we move to online options or tabloid paper?

George Pond returns at 7:01pm

Joseph Naffa leaves at 7:05pm

Proxies vote to Rose Mores

Mariah: we've canceled Blue Bird Brekkie - so optics for printing four editions is questionable.

Nour: what's more important - feeding or reading? Food for thought.

Joseph Naffa Returns at 7:05pm

Anna: I think we should go for the larger budget.

Joe: Medium budget option is fine, it will give us more money afterwards.

Motion: That the SRC approves either \$28,725.00, \$27,875, or \$26,125 for the operation of Vertigo for Semester One

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Zebadiah Cruickshank

Proposed Amendment: That the SRC approves \$27,875, for the operation of Vertigo for Semester One excluding bar tab.

Amenable to the mover: Yes

Dissent: n/a

8.3 Voice To Parliament Motion

George: I don't like the term unconditional

Boris: There is an ongoing debate over the ordering of voice, treaty, truth.

Zeb: there is no debate now, there was a debate years ago, this was settled 6 years ago, only 6 delegates abstained out of hundreds. This is a right wing talking point, there is an overwhelming support from Indigenous communities for the voice. If we fail this it will wreck Indigenous relations for decades.

Boris: based on the perspectives from Invasion Day rallies - there is discourse

Zeb: rally organisers are not the representatives of Indigenous communities

Zeb: we won't get a good treaty without voice. What happened at Uluru was conclusive.

Boris: I feel like we should amend this to allow for the diversity of voices

Zeb: if we don't get this we won't get anything else.

Aidan O'Rourke clarifies what unconditional means

Will: Boris have you consulted Indigenous people, the UTSSA Indigenous Officer, the National Indigenous Officer, the Indigenous Collective or the Indigenous Club before moving this amendment?

Boris: no

Motion: *That the UTSSA will offer its unconditional support to the yes campaign for the First Nations voice to parliament.*

Moved: *Zeb*

Seconded: *Will*

Dissent: *George Pond*

Boris Tam's proposed amendment: *Replace motion with 'That the UTSSA will engage with the yes campaign for the First Nations voice to parliament in a way that incorporates the ongoing debates between First Nations perspectives'*

Not amenable to Mover

Seconded: *George Pond*

For:

- *Will Simmons (General Secretary)*
- *Harry Ryan's proxy (held by Will Simmons)*
- *Zebadiah Cruickshank (Assistant General Secretary)*
- *Bailey Riley's proxy (held by Zebadiah Cruickshank)*

- *Mia Campbell (Welfare Officer)*
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- *Adrian Lozancic*
- *Jacqui Bodill*

Amendment Fails

Motion Passes Unanimously

Will: I'd like to move to amend the motion to remove Lia's name, as she, as chair, did not technically vote on the motion. I would also like to note she also threatened defamation over the phone to me.

Zebadiah: The entire usyd src is not Indigenous, they voted against the wishes of the USYD Indigenous Officer. This sets a terrible precedent.

Sara: Taking a stance on this is important, I do not agree with the 'boycotting'.

Motion: *to have a five minute recess*

Moved: *Will Simmons*

Seconded: *Joseph Naffa*

Dissent: *n/a*

A recess is called

Meeting resumed at 7:45pm

Peter Munford joins the meeting at 7:45pm

Motion: *The UTSSA condemns the president of Usyd SRC Lia Perkins and the University of Sydney SRC for voting to not support the yes campaign for an constitutional enshrined voice to parliament.*

Moved: *Zebadiah Cruickshank*

Seconded: *Will Simmons*

Will Simmons's proposed amendment: *that the motion read 'The UTSSA condemns the University of Sydney SRC for voting to not support the yes campaign for an constitutional enshrined voice to parliament.' and changes the Action 1.b 'Boycotting' to 'boycotting anti-Voice campaigns'*

Amenable to the mover: *yes*

Dissent: *n/a*

8.4 Women's Collective Motions

Motion: *that the UTSSA approves have an upper spending limit of \$200 for women in media panel*

Moved: *Aylin Cihan*

Seconded: *Rose Mores*

Dissent: *n/a*

Motion: *that the UTSSA approves an spending limit of \$200 for international women's day*

Moved: *Aylin Cihan*

Seconded: *Rose*

Dissent: *n/a*

8.5 National Day of Climate Action Motion

Motion: *That the UTSSA endorse the National Day of Climate Action on the 3rd of March.*

Moved: *Boris Tam*

Seconded: *Geroge*

Dissent: *n/a*

8.6 Education Motions

Anna speaks to the motion

Motion: *To condemn the NSW police for the midnight arrest of UNSW Education Officer Cherish Kuehlmann, for protesting the cost of living and housing crisis in this state.*

Moved: *Anna Thieben*

Seconded: Will Simmons

Dissent: n/a

George speaks to the motion, stressing that these affect most immediately international students and students from lower socio economic background

Motion: That the UTSSA supports the current campaigns from "Get A Room!" for Affordable Housing

Moved: Anna Theiben

Seconded: George

Dissent: n/a

8.7 Disabilities Collective Reimbursement Motion

Motion: That a reimbursement of \$95.26 be passed for the Disabilities Collective tea Party.

Moved: George Pond

Seconded: Anna Theiben

Will Simmons's Proposed Amendment: that the motion read: 'That a reimbursement of \$95.26 be paid to George Pond for the Disabilities Collective tea Party.

Amenable to the mover

Dissent: n/a

Motion: That a reimbursement of \$31.99 be passed for the accessibility team in relation to the march 24th rally.

Moved: George

Seconded: Anna

Dissent: n/a

9. General Business

Motion: That we consider hearing an extra two items on urgency.

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Rose Mores

Dissent: n/a

Motion: *That Biljana O'Connor and Jessica Hill be appointed to the Grievance Committee.*

Moved: *Will Simmons*

Seconded: *Rose Mores*

Dissent: *n/a*

Motion: *That the SRC empowers the Executive to appoint members to the Finance, Policy and remainder of the Grievance Committee*

Moved: *Will Simmons*

Seconded: *Rose Mores*

Dissent: *n/a*

Sara: I didn't feel as if there was an opportunity for expressions of interest for the Vertigo committee.

Will Simmons clarifies, stating that there was no dissent to the amendment when it was put

Nour further clarifies

Adrian agrees with Sara, reinstates earlier point

Anna agrees stating there should have been an option for opening EOIs

Saihej: Can we adjust the meeting times for 6:30pm?

Will: We can do that, I am also happy to have it the last week of each month on alternating dates

George: can we not do wednesdays?

Will: I will look into what works for the most people

Aidan encourage Nour to sign the Cherish motion letter.

10. Close of Meeting 7:59pm

Appendix

Collated Reports

Nour Al Hammouri President's Report

Meeting with Kylie Readman

- We discussed many items in a pretty productive and effective meeting. Amongst them were the rising concerns of Academic Integrity with the recent introduction of ChatGPT. However, there are more pressing concerns within this realm. We got to speak about the differing ways UTS deals with misconduct, plagiarism and the whole sort. Kylie and I agree that there needs to be a more nuanced approach to this, so a working group could be formed around this. We also discussed introducing a mandatory 'Academic Integrity Module' similar to the Consent Matters module.
- I have received word back from Kylie about the budget.
 - We asked for an additional \$190K, with 100k for BlueBird Brekky, 20K for Vertigo and 70K for Bluebird Pantry.
 - We only received \$70K which will cover us for the Pantry only.
 - So, unfortunately Bluebird Brekky can not continue until we have that extra 100K to properly fund it.
- Kylie has also been working on this 'Student Experience Framework' recently brought to UTS Council (I want to hear feedback from our Reps there). Her framework discusses the 4 'elements' of the student experience and how these can lead to a successful student experience.
 - Now, the opportunity with this is, our services and existence as a student union fit into every part. Her four elements are Academic Engagement, Belonging, well-being and Partnership. You can only imagine the connections we can make to our various services.
 - How is this good for us? We can now begin to leverage the UTSSA as a core component in achieving a successful Student Experience, which would only change our position within the UTS Management sphere. It is fair to say that no other body at UTS can do what we do, and we just need to prove that to them.
- That was pretty much it. We only had an hour.

O'Day

- This was such a successful O'Day for us - we probably spoke to over 2000 students. Quite a few exchanges and internationals, many were interested in our BlueBird Brekky, Night Owl Noodles and BlueBird Pantry - which only emboldens our integral position in UTS life. We can continue to leverage this.
- Biljana has reported reaching about 1700 sign-ups, a 32% increase.

Will Simmons General Secretary's Report

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Ultimately, I believe that this has been a productive start to the year and look forward to

Zebadiah Cruickshank Assistant General Secretary's Report

My efforts for January and February have been the completion of the UTSSA hand book and the O day.

I contributed mostly to the Indigenous collective portion of the magazine with my article on the importance of the First Nations voice to parliament were I condemned pseudo progressives who see themselves as "allies" but are really doing the bidding of the reactionary right in Australia by

scuttling the yes campaign. I would like to personally condemn the president of Usyd SRC Lia Perkins and the University of Sydney SRC were a nightmare coalition of trotskyites, young liberal, young nationals and anarchists voted down a motion to support the yes campaign. Not a single voting member of the Usyd SRC was an Indigenous person. This was against the pleas of the Usyd SRCs First Nations Officer to back the yes campaign.

I also contributed to the hand book by reviewing the test copy produced by UTS printing, finding a critical error in that copy and fixing this issue in time for the secretary to return from pres summit and approve the printing in time for us to hand it out during O-Day.

Finally I was on the UTSSA O-Day stall. We had hundreds of students sign up to our mailing list and receive copy's of our hand book and power bank. Students were very keen to hear about the associations many free services.

Anna Theiben Education Officer's Report

The Education Collective has had a productive and promising start to the semester, stalling at O-day and meeting twice to plan campaigns for the year.

It is relevant to mention that the NTEU (the staff union) have voted to stop striking this semester which means their bargaining over their EBA will wind down. The EAG views this as disappointing as we believe the union should have continued to push for demands around their pay, working conditions and indigenous staffing. UTS is a pretty precarious workplace for our staff and we will continue to work alongside them in other ways to fight for our joint conditions this year.

In our meetings the EAG has decided to run a campaign around the new mandatory Transdisciplinary electives These electives are being rolled out with the aim of being catered to 90% of all students by 2027. Students and staff alike were not appropriately consulted on these changes. Requiring all undergraduates to do TD units has the potential for significant flow-on effects to staff, primarily through the reduction in Equivalent Full-Time Student Load available to take current electives. Similarly when the OLE's were introduced at USYD, smaller, degree specific subjects were removed. The EAG came to the consensus that the university should not make these subjects mandatory and will be surveying students and campaigning around this change this year.

The EAG, along with the Disabilities Collective have called a snap rally on Tuesday 14th March to protest a town hall called by the VC discussing the Australian Universities Accord and Enterprise bargaining. Students need to show that we are not satisfied by the ableist and classist corporate university model. We will be holding a banner paint in the coming week and I encourage you all to attend the protest.

The UNSW Education Officer Cherish Kuehlmann was arrested last week for protesting the RBA in the fight against the housing crisis. Police came to her home in the middle of the night,

issuing exorbitant fines and jail time. The EAG condemned the police and the suppression of activism. This is a clear display of the draconian anti-protest laws which were introduced in NSW last year. In the same week, two student activists at the University of Sydney were suspended for protesting the visit of Liberal Ex-prime minister Malcom Turnbull to their campus last year. We stand alongside these students. If you are protesting any time soon, know your rights and take care of yourself and those around you.

If you are looking to get involved with the Ed Collective, we will be holding fortnightly meetings. I suggest you follow our FB and sign up to the mailing list on the UTSSA website.
<https://www.facebook.com/UTSEAG>

Mia Campbell Welfare Officer's Report

The Welfare Collective has had a good start to the year; we had lots of engagement at our O'Day stall which I hope is promising for the year to come. It was great to see a broader UTS community have conversations about what they were looking forward to starting uni and what they were nervous about, and I want this type of wide engagement to shape our focuses this year.

The main priorities for the Welfare Collective this semester will include:

- Working with Respect Now Always and the Women's Collective to improve the SASH reporting policies and procedures at UTS and holding UTS accountable to the Student Partnership Agreement made last year.
- Streamlining the process of applying for extensions/special consideration
- Expanding the Welfare Collective by attending Bluebird Brekkie and Night Owl Noodles, and speaking to students at these services about how we can better support them.

I think the main challenge for the collective this year will be keeping members engaged, as the Welfare Collective is not a community safe space in the same sense as autonomous collectives. I want to work on this by planning a few events throughout the year that are designed just for mental and physical wellbeing, so that the collective can be a space not only for activism but also for finding community, like the other collectives.

Our first meeting is going to be held on Wednesday 15 th March – 2 weeks away – and in this meeting I hope to get to know the new members and identify any focus points for this year that we haven't already identified.

Aylin Cihan Women's Officer Report

The Autumn 2023 Session has finally begun and the Women's Collective is looking forward to the exciting events that we have planned. The Women's Collective had an amazingly successful O'Day by achieving over 85 people to sign up, it was great to see and meet so many new students and spread the message that the WoCo and Students Association is here

to listen and help with any other their needs. On O'Day the WoCo also established new connections with the UTS Gallery and Art Gallery and the Marketing and Communication Unit for the potential use of their services regarding any upcoming WoCo events.

Speaking of upcoming events the Women's Collective has been working with the communication society and the journalism society on arranging a women in media panel at the end of March. So far we have lined up a range of women working in that field who are generous enough to speak on their issues of sexism in the media to UTS students and help them navigate through any issues they may face in that career by making new connections and creating a Q&A forum for women.

International Women's Day is also soon approaching and the WoCo has plans to host a bake goods stall and raise awareness of the issues that women face and how people can help, by giving away prizes to individuals who answer any of our questions correctly. Throughout International Woman's day and the rest of the year the Women's collective will also be continuing to combat the ongoing issue with sexual assault and harassment on university campuses and has committed to working with Respect Now Always on a research project regarding this issue and the avenues available in seeking support and reporting incidents.

Finally, the WoCo will also be hosting a panel regarding women working in male dominated industries to further facilitate mentorship programs for women by sharing their own experiences and knowledge. This panel would also allow them make to new connections to ease the process of entering into different fields. Overall, the WoCo had a strong start to the semester which will further be propelled by our upcoming events to better the wellbeing of women at UTS.

Joy Xu International Student Officer's Report

Past Event Summary:

O'Day

- 28 new members signed up, now we have 300 members in total within the collective.
- Distributed:
 - § international student survey postcards with social media QR code, the survey link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LZCDQDM>
 - § Materials including: International Collective introduction; A letter to international students; UTSSA peer Tutoring postcards; UTSSA postcards; UTSSA Student advocacy service; movie voucher; UTSSA Collectives community postcards; UTS International Postcards; Housing Services flyers

§ UTSSA water bottles

Meeting with UTS council member Kurt Cheng and Director of Student Services Unit (SSU)

- Addressing concerns regarding international students return and rental crisis
- Sought information, approach, and available support services to students
- Discussed how we can better address this issue and the seriousness of the current crisis

Media requests

- Interview by Sydney Morning Herald in the capacity of International Officer at UTSSA to addressing rental crisis issues: <https://www.smh.com.au/property/news/tanay-slept-on-a-couch-for-months-some-of-his-peers-faced-even-worse-20230117-p5cd93.html>
- Interviewed by ABC News in the capacity of International Officer at UTSSA to addressing rental crisis issues: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2023-02-11/international-students-forced-back-to-study-sydney/101958984>
- Referred international students who is willing to speak to media

Partnership

- Sydney Community Forum

This year we partnered with Sydney Community Forum, which advocates for supporting international students. Sydney Community Forum (SCF) is an independent non-government organisation that has existed since 1974. They work towards social justice, inclusion, and sustainability in a broad region of Sydney. They provide free Intake Assessment and Referral Services (IAR) on mental health, work rights, tenancy and housing, legal advice, education, safety, family and children, and also well-being for international students. Students can access their website to seek external assistance considering the resource might be limited within UTS.

Future Events Summary:

- UTSSA Bluebirds and Night Owl

International will participate in these events to grow international collective based on suggestions from Biljana.

- UTSSA collective demanding program and services

International Collective will be seeking opportunity to arrange events based on the feedback received in students survey.

- UTSIndian

There was a strong passion to collaborate to promote their events, and to grow and engage within international collectives. Below is general information and the areas they want to work together. Please let me know if these are workable so that we can arrange and engage asap.

1. They have established over a year and currently has 200 members. They charge members with \$5 contribution. Since we don't have members contribution, there will be no conflict of interests.
2. They hold free food events every fortnightly in front of the UTS International, normally will have 30-40 attendants attend. They want to expand and partner with UTSSA's Blue bird and Night owl pantry. He suggested we can together hold a free pantry in mid-March. Their initial purpose on this it to making students have a 'taste of home and feel sense of home'.
3. They are willing to promote UTSSA services within their club and seeking promotion materials and sign-up details. They have 600 audience in their database, majority international students.
4. They are willing to distribute international students survey for us.
5. They want us to promote their events as well. These are existing events which will be suitable for international collectives.
6. The upcoming events will be people of colour festival, which held by UTS International, UTS active, and UTS Indian. Ideally, we want to invite ethnocultural collective to be part of this. There will be \$20 tickets for each students.

However, it won't be achieved if we follow the partnership procedure (collective meetings and approved by council) as the event will be already past. And we did not get approval for exemption on procedure. I raised my concerns over this approach with the emphasis on primary goal is to grow international collective. My reasoning on this point is available in '**Annex A**' at the end of this report.

Goals still be achieved for the semester:

- More events, partnerships which would enable me to grow the collective and promote our collective's influence.
- Figuring out and negotiating the most effective and suitable approach to work within the UTSSA and how to get more support from leaders and UTS council on international collective.
- Partnership with UTS international to reach broader international students, which again need constantly support and attention from UTSSA leaders and staff.

Challenge to achieving them:

- Procedure

- Leadership support and active communication in international collective affair
- Unclear on UTS structure and who will be interested to support and work with us

Plan to overcome challenges:

- Actively seeking information and be aware of potential procedure requirement
- Genuinely communicate with UTSSA leader and seeking support and understanding
- Research and actively seeking information

Relevant events/news to international collective:

- Mostly related to the overseas students' return and banned remote teaching by China. They are available in the news articles link above.
- Set up new Instagram and FB page. Instagram has 51 followers, FB has 1 likes and 2 followers. The QR code are below.
- FB Page engagement works the best in UTS International students page rather than our collective.

Facebook: Instagram:

Annex A

I understand and respect the importance of the procedure, and my apologise I haven't figure this out earlier as I have very little information on how the procedure will be look like on developing collective. With that being said, however, considering my limited personal capacity and the urgent need for growing international collectives, I have following concerns and questions:

1. Referring to 'I cannot pursue festival of color', does that mean I cannot post anything regarding Festival of Color and they cannot promote our collectives? The reason I asked this because I have been posting useful information for international students from UTS careers and UTS International, even though I am not partnership with them. Does that mean I violated the procedure? If I did, then I would feel frustrated on how ineffective the procedure is and feel it is difficult to grow our collective within 1 year because they will be so little we can do. This is because not all the partnership requests can happen according/prior to council meeting's schedule before their events commenced. In addition, there is no guarantee I can have collective meetings with members (assuming there will be a min. attendance requirement). We want to grow the collectives by engage them in the events, but we cannot have events unless we have enough active members to vote. How can we better address this paradox?

If I did not violate the procedure requirement considering they are just a way to attract and help international students (as we have very little going on for international students within our collectives), then what is the difference for promoting UTSIndian's events and they promote us from the stuff I forwarded from UTS Career and UTS International? Where is the line regarding this type of interaction? What if I just post the event on socials as there might be some students interested in it, and not 'promoting'?

2. I will try to hold a collective meeting in the following days if you could kindly provide me with all the requirements. Assuming on the worst scenario – there is not one attending or not enough ppl attending, how can we pursue anything in that case considering our collective being inactive for the last year.
3. How do you think another proposed piece: doing night owl and bluebird together with their free food events which might be not so urgent.
4. I understand the international collective has been inactive and sort of excluded, is there any specific plan that we can better help international collective to grow and make things easier by involving more and supporting more.

Bailey Riley Indigenous Officer's Report

Not received

Laura Currie Post Graduate Officer's Report

In the past couple of months elected as postgraduate officer, I have liaised with many academics, postgraduate students, as well as other staff members regarding the well-being and status of campus facilities and care offered. I have drafted the idea of creating a QR code for postgraduate students and staff to submit suggestions and recommendations on what could be improved, what has been going well, and what has not been going well so that they have a voice to make a difference at UTS. Furthermore, giving re-assurance to PhD students that we will keep up-to-date with stipend increases and aim ensure that UTS students receive funding that is within the range of other university standards. I am also endeavouring to create a group with postgraduate students on MS teams or facebook so that everyone can keep in touch in a safe space, and to reach out if there are any urgent matters. Lastly, spreading the word of the existence of a postgraduate collective as a lot of people don't know about it. During O'day, alongside handing out pamphlets of the different collectives that can be found within the student associations committee, I have come across a number of postgraduate students that did not realise of the support we can give them and have now been made aware of it. In the next month or so, I will aim to create the QR code and print them out around the university (including postgraduate buildings) to ensure students are able to access a google forms as a mode of communication if they are not able to reach out to me directly.

Areejz Slamang Ethnocultural Officer's Report

It was a fairly chaotic start to the year as the new Ethnocultural collective officer. I had an excessively long awaited handover which resulted in a last minute, and fairly 'simple' orientation day stand however, despite the simplicity of our stand, we were able to find 15 new members from o-day alone, and a few more after as well which is great to see!

In early February I had a meeting with Damien Ngyuen to discuss the USYD and UTS cross campus housing rally that occurred on the 24th of Feb which aims to address the rental crisis. Prior to the rally, Damien and I went to Eddy avenue to meet some people who have been out of homes for significant periods of time. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the actual rally but I ensured that all the people who attended knew that they were also supported by the UTS Ethnocultural Collective.

We are yet to have a first meeting of the year as a result of my extended handover, and i am still waiting to receive access to the social profiles, however, I am currently planning to hold our first meeting and a possible event where I plan on inviting in a panel of guests to discuss the effects of microaggressions in the workplace and places of education.

George Pond Disabilities Officer's Report

So far, we have already run two successful meetings for the new one. The first was mostly to discuss O-day plans and plans for the coming year. The second was in conjunction with our first event, a disabilities tea party, which was a huge success.

I have also had multiple meetings with Isabella Harding, the NUS disabilities officer in relation to running a rally/campaign on March 16th around the recent changes to online learning for international students. The collective has decided not to take part in said rally at this point in time as they do not believe there has been enough organizing on Isabella's part. This is an opinion I happen to share, as the target for the rally has changed, and no rally route has actually been planned for most campuses/states. But we have agreed that if more organization happens, that we would happily take part.

I also had a meeting with Andrew Lim (ANU law society disabilities officer), several other disabilities officers from other campuses were also present. The meeting was in relation to the changing of impairment tables for the disability support pension, which we worked on together to make more inclusive as requested by those currently working on reworking the tables. O'day has also taken place, we got a few new sign ups, not a lot but that was to be expected. But overall it was a good day.

From that we had our first event in conjunction with a meeting, which was a tea party, that was a huge success and had great numbers. We saw several new faces, and many old ones.

The disabilities collective also endorsed the February 24th housing snap rally, for which I ran an accessibility team for. The rally went well, although there was a last minute decision to march an inaccessible route which caused issues on an accessibility front. The co-chairs have been spoken to and these issues should be resolved in future rally's.

Campaigns for the coming year have also been discussed, such as pushing for online and in person learning, more braille at the university and reviving last years campaign about issues of accessibility throughout UTS.

Sara Chaturvedi Queer Officer's Report

For the past month, the Queer Collective has been working hard to get up and running again after a period of inactivity. On a very successful O'Day, we held our first event – a visit to the Queer Space after a long day. Despite not being given any flyers for the activity, QC saw an incredible turn out of over 20 people. Many new members expressed great interest in taking part in the collective this year, alongside existing members who have been looking for new events and campaigns. In our first meeting, we discussed our plans for the year, including social events, educational panels, activism, and a keen interest for a clothing donation/drive event. We have also launched our Instagram account recently. The account serves as one of our few public social media accounts. In our meeting, we discussed if the account should remain public, or change to a private account with an ambiguous name following our Discord and Facebook group to maintain autonomy and cater for closeted members. However, after discussion, we decided the account would remain public, as a more accessible way for queer students to find the collective and reach out to us, before joining the private groups. The collective also attended the recent Mardi Gras rally held by Pride in Protest on 19th Feb, where we marched on an extremely hot day from Newtown Hub to Fair Day held in Victoria Park. It was a great day, despite a lower overall turn out; protesters were able to occupy the road in front of USYD, going against police orders. There is high potential for the collective to have a great, active year, and recover its roots in radical activism.

Boris Tam Enviro Officer's Report

Since the start of my term, my goal has been to build to collective membership. Time has been spent creating new designs for postcards and posters to display at O'Day in order to engage new students.

Unfortunately, as I was not able to attend on the day, I could not personally promote the collective to other members. Thankfully, other Office Bearers and SA staff were able to promote the collective in my stead and we were able to gain a handful of sign-ups.

In the meantime, time was being spent building for the National Day of Climate Action on the 3rd of March. I have met with UTS staff in order to hold discussions about promoting this

event and working with students organising the contingent at USyd. I have also held my first event and meeting which both directly relate to the rally. 5 students other than I attended the event, which was a banner paint. The event was quite successful, and each participant created at least two placards, which will be used for the rally on Friday. Following the event, I set up a meeting, which was called 5 days in advance via email with an option to use zoom. Unfortunately, one participant from the banner paint stayed for the meeting and one other student came. No one joined the zoom link. As we did not have quorum, we were not able to hold a formal meeting and we discussed strategies to improve attendance for the next meeting.

Collated Motions with Amendments

8.1 Vertigo Motions

Amendments to Standing Orders

Preamble: The changes reflect firstly, the desire to include engagement with Vertigo as a part of the regular business of ordinary meetings. Secondly, to remove inconsistencies and wordiness affecting interpretation. An additional change was made to S.O. 6.6. to reflect best practice.

Actions:

1. That S.O. 4.1. be amended to insert “6.3. Vertigo Report”, after agenda item 6.2.
2. That S.O. 4.2. be amended to remove “an”.
3. That S.O.5.3.(b) be amended to replace “hour” with “hours”.
4. That S.O.6.2.(a) be amended to replace “is” with “are”.
5. That S.O. 6.6. be amended to insert:
 - (c) Councillors not present at the meeting described by the minutes being confirmed should abstain from confirming those minutes.
6. That S.O. 6.7A be inserted to read:

“Vertigo shall provide a report containing expenditures since the last ordinary meeting of Council, engagement metrics and general updates on the design and production of Vertigo publications. This section shall be interpreted as broadly as is reasonable. Council reserves the right to request further information from the Vertigo Editorial Team. Reports shall be provided to Council and its in-person observers confidentially.”
7. That S.O. 11.3. be amended to remove sub section (c), replace with:

“The mover may speak for a maximum of five minutes and have an additional two minutes to reply once all speakers have been heard, unless otherwise determined by procedural motion,”

8. That S.O. 12.3. be amended to insert “the” after “including”.
9. That S.O. 14.3. be amended to insert “the” before both “case” and “Constitution”.
10. That S.O. 14.4 be amended to delete “and”.
11. That S.O. 14.6 be amended to replace “regulation” with “regulations”
12. Attachment 1 to the Standing orders as follows:

Attachment 1: Variation of the Standing Orders

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| Document | UTSSA Standing Orders |
| Responsible Office Bearers | President and General Secretary |
| Related documents | UTSSA By-Laws, UTSSA Constitution |
| Amendment history | <p>Version 1: 25 February 2021</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enacted by UTSSA Council immediately. <p>Version 2: 28 February 2023</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S.O. 4.1. amended to insert “6.3. Vertigo Report”, after agenda item 6.2. 2. S.O.6.6(c) inserted 3. S.O.6.7A inserted 4. S.O. 11.3 replaced 5. S.O. 4.2., 5.3.(b), 6.2.(a), 12.3., 14.3., 14.4., 14.6, amended to remove spelling and grammatical errors. 6. Attachment 1 inserted 7. Enacted immediately |

Vertigo Committee

Preamble:

As it currently stands, Vertigo, our student magazine, has been under threat from management. Largely this has been unjustified, excuses to cut any form of funding for things not directly administered by the University. However, it is important to note that for the last decade or so Vertigo has not undergone a significant change in approach - clearly if we wish to see Vertigo thrive we need to make some changes. Because if we, the UTSSA, do not make the changes they will be made for us.

If we are successful in doing so, we will be able to boost funding, readership, and engagement with the Student Union itself. This motion proposes a structure for a joint Working Group/Committee to take an analytical look into the challenges that are facing Vertigo and find ways to fix them via cooperation between the Vertigo Team, and the SRC itself. One of the

biggest failings in previous years is building a strong and working relationship between the two teams.

Motion:

- ~~1. That the SRC as outlined in Section 3.2 (i) of the constitution the SRC established a 'Vertigo Working group', hereafter the 'Committee'.~~
- ~~2. That the Committee consists of:
 - ~~a. The General Secretary as Chair~~
 - ~~b. The Assistant General Secretary as Deputy Chair~~
 - ~~c. The Director of Student Publications (DPS)~~
 - ~~d. Two members of the incumbent Vertigo Team~~
 - ~~e. Two Members of the SRC~~
 - ~~f. Observers from the SRC and Vertigo Team~~~~
- ~~3. That the Chair or Deputy Chair are empowered to call meetings of the Committee~~
- ~~4. That the Committee present its finding to SRC~~
- ~~5. That the Committee's principal aim is to:
 - ~~a. Identify ongoing issues with the operating of Vertigo~~
 - ~~b. Boost cooperation between the SRC and the Vertigo Team~~
 - ~~c. Increase the visibility, readership, and viewership of Vertigo~~
 - ~~d. Present a plan for the term commencing December 2023~~~~
- ~~6. That the Vertigo Team internally decides its representatives, and provides written confirmation to the General Secretary.~~

Motion as amended:

7. That the SRC as outlined in Section 3.2 (i) of the constitution the SRC established a 'Vertigo Working group', hereafter the 'Committee'.
8. That the Committee consists of:
 - a. The General Secretary as Chair
 - b. The Assistant General Secretary as Deputy Chair
 - c. The Director of Student Publications (DPS)
 - d. Two members of the incumbent Vertigo Team
 - e. Mariam Yassine, and Bridie O'Kelly
 - f. Observers from the SRC and Vertigo Team
9. That the Chair or Deputy Chair are empowered to call meetings of the Committee
10. That the Committee present its finding to SRC
11. That the Committee's principal aim is to:
 - a. Identify ongoing issues with the operating of Vertigo
 - b. Boost cooperation between the SRC and the Vertigo Team
 - c. Increase the visibility, readership, and viewership of Vertigo
 - d. Present a plan for the term commencing December 2023
12. That the Vertigo Team internally decides its representatives, and provides written confirmation to the General Secretary.

Approval of Vertigo launch party

Motion: That the SRC approves the Vertigo Launch Party at Lord Gladstone Hotel at 6pm on Friday, March 3.

Preamble:

The UTS Vertigo editorial team requests the approval of their 2023 season launch party at the Goodspace Gallery in the Lord Gladstone Hotel at 6pm on Friday, March 3. The party will feature a free exhibition of UTS student artwork, primarily photography and textiles pieces. It will provide an opportunity for passionate UTS students to engage and familiarise themselves with like-minded contributors and the editorial team themselves. The party will be free for all UTS students over the age of 18 to attend. The Vertigo editorial team will not be supplying alcohol.

8.2 Vertigo Budget Motion

Approval of Vertigo semester one budget

Motion: That the SRC approves either \$28,725.00, \$27,875, or \$26,125 for the operation of Vertigo for Semester One

Motion as amended: That the SRC approves \$27,875, for the operation of Vertigo for Semester One excluding bar tab.

Preamble:

The UTS Vertigo editorial team requests the approval of \$28,725.00, \$27,875, or \$26,125 to be spent on the production of the publication. All three options put the 2023 editorial team on track to possess the equal smallest Vertigo budget on record (barring 2020), but leave the door open for improvements in Semester Two should the finances become available to the UTSSA.

As promised, Volumes 2, 3 and 4 will be produced at less than half the cost of those in previous years, dropping from a budget of \$17,000 each to \$7,200 each. Volume One, meanwhile, was printed with a budget of \$11,000, as opposed to the \$20,000 spent on it last year. This year's proposed suite also uses less paper, with the dimensions of the magazine decreasing and the page count of each issue dropping to approximately half of what it was in previous years.

Significant efforts have also been made to enhance Vertigo's online output. The current team have requested a substantial portion of money be put towards online advertising – money which, in previous years, has been put towards print advertising – and have revamped efforts to increase and standardise the frequency of online content. In the first two months of our term, the 2023 Vertigo team has published more online-only articles than each team before us published over the course of their twelve months.

These efforts, in tandem with the release of our first print issue, have led to a noteworthy increase in our readership already this year. The approval of our requested budget is necessary to ensure that this increase continues throughout the year.

8.3 Voice To Parliament Motion

Motion to Support the Yes Campaign for the First Nations voice to parliament .

Motion: That the UTSSA will offer its unconditional support to the yes campaign for the First Nations voice to parliament.

Actions:

1. The UTSSA will work in conjunction with the broader yes vote campaign.
2. The UTSSA yes campaign will be led by the UTS indigenous collective, the First Nations Officer and Indigenous councilors.
3. The UTSSA will approach the UTS University Council and the UTS NTEU branch to support the yes campaign.

Motion to Condemn the University of Sydney SRC for not supporting a First Nations Voice to Parliament.

Preamble: At the last council meeting of the University of Sydney SRC a nightmare coalition of trotskyites, young liberals, young nationals and anarchists voted down a motion to support the yes campaign. Not a single voting member of the Usyd SRC was an Indigenous person. This was against the pleas of the Usyd SRCs First Nations Officer to back the yes campaign

Motion: ~~The UTSSA condemns the president of Usyd SRC Lia Perkins and the University of Sydney SRC for voting to not support the yes campaign for an constitutional inshrined voice to parliament.~~

Action:

- ~~1. Until this decision is reversed and the Usyd SRC votes to support the yes campaign, the UTSSA will endeavour to:
 - ~~a. Release a statement condemning the Usyd SRC and its president on our social media and publications.~~
 - ~~b. The UTSSA will approach other Student unions and associations across NSW and Australia to pass similar motions, boycotting and condemning the Usyd SRC.~~~~

Motion as amended: The UTSSA condemns the University of Sydney SRC for voting to not support the yes campaign for an constitutional inshrined voice to parliament.

Action as amended:

2. Until this decision is reversed and the Usyd SRC votes to support the yes campaign, the UTSSA will endeavour to:
 - a. Release a statement condemning the Usyd SRC and its president on our social media and publications.
 - b. The UTSSA will approach other Student unions and associations across NSW and Australia to pass similar motions, boycotting anti-Voice campaigns, and condemning the Usyd SRC.

8.4 Women's Collective Motions

International Women's Day Spending Motion

Motion: to have an upper spending limit of \$200 for international women's day

Women in Media Panel Spending Motion

Motion: to have an upper spending limit of \$200 for women in media panel

8.5 National Day of Climate Action Motion

National Day of Climate Action

Motion: That the UTSSA endorse the National Day of Climate Action on the 3rd of March.

8.6 Education Motions

F*ck the Pigs

Motion: To condemn the NSW police for the midnight arrest of UNSW Education Officer Cherish Kuehlmann, for protesting the cost of living and housing crisis in this state.

Preamble:

University of New South Wales SRC Education Officer Cherish Kuehlmann was arrested at midnight in her home for protesting at the RBA against the housing and cost of living crisis. She faces charges of trespass and has been subjected to extreme bail conditions designed to inhibit activism. This is a clear display of the draconian anti-protest laws which were introduced in NSW last year. It follows the arrest of Violet Coco, a climate activist, who was sentenced in December to 15 months in prison for a climate protest that blocked traffic on

the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

The UTSSA condemns the NSW anti-protest laws and stands in solidarity with Cherish, calling for the charges against her to be dropped.

Actions for the UTSSA:

1. Share the preamble and a link to Cherish's petition on the UTSSA FB and Instagram accounts https://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/drop-the-charges-against-cherish-kuehlmann?fbclid=IwAR260E4DWEkYbvwyg3Zv4KZoHvGw4m8-9bu7A3M0b6pKiHVXABjrR_yFqt0

Motion: That the UTSSA supports the current campaigns from "Get A Room!" for affordable Housing

Preamble:

The NUS education department is currently running campaigns through "Get A Room" in relation to the renting crisis happening throughout Australia. The rental crisis is affecting everyone, but in particular international, rural and students from lower income backgrounds. The campaign demands go as follows: capping student rental prices at 30% of income, emergency action to house international students currently arriving in Australia, banning unfair evictions, building more public housing, raising welfare to meet cost of living, the investigation of landlords forcing exuberant rent in substandard housing. Ending rent hikes and cutting current rental prices and the expropriation of investment properties.

Action Point:

1. The UTSSA shares all upcoming events related to the "Get a Room" campaign on their social media.

8.7 Disabilities Collective Reimbursement Motions

Motion: That a reimbursement of \$95.26 be passed for the Disabilities Collective tea party.

Motion as amended: That a reimbursement of \$95.26 be paid to George Pond for the Disabilities Collective tea Party

Motion: That a reimbursement of \$31.99 be passed for the accessibility team in relation to the march 24th rally.

