

January UTSSA SRC (RepsElect) Meeting 25.01.23 6:00pm Minutes

Attendance:

- Members
 - Will Simmons (General Secretary)
 - Nour Al Hammouri (President)
 - Zebadiah Cruickshank (Assistant General Secretary)
 - Mia Campbell (Welfare Officer)
 - Anna Thieben (Education Officer)
 - Bailey Riley (Indigenous Officer)
 - Aylin Cihan (Women's Officer)
 - Peter Munford (Postgraduate Council Member)
 - Harry Ryan
 - Rose Mores
 - Boris Tam
 - George Pond
 - Sara Chaturvedi
 - Adrian Lozanic
 - Saihej Bhangu
 - Ali Sobh
 - Kurt Cheng (Undergraduate Council Member) (left at 6:04pm)
 - Mariam Yassine
 - Laura Currie (Postgraduate Officer)
 - Bridie O'Kelly
 - Joy (International Students Officer) (left at 6:07pm)
 - Jacqui Bodill (Joined at 6:05pm)

- Observers
 - Joe Hathaway-Wilson (Vertigo)
 - Aidan O'Rourke (NUS NSW State Branch President)
 - Bronte Skinner (Vertigo)
 - Axel Connell (Vertigo)
 - Ashley Sullivan

- Other
 - Phillip Binns (Returning Officer)
 - Lisa Windon (Staff)
 - Jennifer Willis (Staff)

- Mariah Brown (Staff)
- Fran Dougenis (Staff)
- Christina Markovska (Staff)
- Biljana O'Connor (Staff)

Proxies Received

1. Areejz Slamang
 - 1.1. Anna Thiebien
 - 1.2. Boris Tam
 - 1.3. Sara Chaturvedi
2. Joseph Naffah
 - 2.1. Rose Mores
 - 2.2. Mia Campbell
 - 2.3. Nour Al Hammouri
3. Paniora Nukunuku
 - 3.1. Jacqui Bodill
 - 3.2. Will Simmons
 - 3.3. Zebadiah Cruickshank

Agenda:

1. Opening of Meeting
 - 1.1. Acknowledgement of Country
 - 1.2. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies
 - 1.3. Declarations of Interest
 - 1.4. Introduction to Council/President's Welcome
 - 1.5. Confirmation of previous minutes
 - 1.5.1. November SRC Minutes
 - 1.5.2. Executive Minutes
2. Appointment of the Returning Officer
 - 2.1. Tabling of the Election Report
 - 2.2. Business, on notice, required to be discharged for the purpose of the Meeting
3. Election of Internal Association Positions
 - 3.1. Ethnocultural Officer
 - 3.2. Cultural Diversity Officer
 - 3.3. Disability Officer
 - 3.4. Queer Students' Officer
 - 3.5. Director of Student Publications
4. General Business
5. Close of Meeting

Minutes:

1. Opening of Meeting: 6:03 pm

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Given by Nour Al Hammouri.

1.2. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

Will: I have received three proxies and apologies:

- Areejz Slamang
 - **Anna Thiebien (Accepts)**
 - Boris Tam
 - Sara Chaturvedi
- Joseph Naffah
 - **Rose Mores (Accepts)**
 - Mia Campbell
 - Nour Al Hammouri
- Paniora Nukunuku
 - **Jacqui (Accepts)**
 - Will Simmons
 - Zebadiah Cruickshank

Kurt and Joy proxy from the floor

- Kurt Cheng
 - **Mariam Yassine (Accepts)**
 - Mia Campbell
 - Nour Al Hammouri
- Joy Xu
 - **Saihej Bhangu (Accepts)**
 - Mia Campbell
 - Rose Mores

1.3. Declarations of Interest 6:05pm

1.4. Introduction to Council/President's Welcome 6:05pm

Nour: congrats on making it to src, this is going to be a great year, let's do some great stuff. I think we should go around the room and the zoom and introduce ourselves.

Brief introductions and pronouns are given by SRC Members

1.5. Confirmation of previous minutes 6:15pm

1.5.1. November SRC Minutes 6:15pm

Motion: to confirm the previous minutes of the November SRC Meeting

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Zebadiah Cruickshank

Dissent: n/a

1.5.2. Executive Minutes

Motion: to confirm the previous minutes of the January Executive Meeting

Moved: Will Simmons

Seconded: Mia Campbell

Dissent: n/a

2. Appointment of the Returning Officer 6:15pm

Nour Al Hammouri cedes chair to Phillip Binns

2.1. Tabling of the Election Report 6:16pm

Moved: Nour Al Hammouri

Seconded: Will Simmons

Dissent: n/a

2.2. Business, on notice, required to be discharged for the purpose of the Meeting

n/a

3. Election of Internal Association Positions

3.1. Cultural Diversity Officer 6:18

Mariam themselves

Sara Chaturvedi nominates Arjeez Slamang

Phillip Binns accepts the nomination on the grounds that Arjeez Slamang has provided written correspondence confirming that they would accept a nomination in absentia.

Phillip Binns opens the floor to speeches.

Mariam:

Hi my name is Mariam and I am a second year doing a bachelor of Law and Communications (majoring in Social and Political Sciences)

Why I am so passionate about the ethnocultural collective is because I care about recognising and supporting the many BIPOC students we have here at UTS. Almost 50% of students at UTS identify as BIPOC and it is essential that their wants, needs, and concerns are heard through the ethnocultural collective.

Why I think am I experienced enough to make a great ethnocultural president:

Is because :

- With my role as ethnocultural convenor last year I helped the past president Suzy with a range of projects such as participating with the multi-cultural women's network, assisted Anti- racism campaign, ethno con and helped with harmony day.
- I help a charity called lighthouse mentoring which provides support and care for culturally diverse kids to pursue higher education.
- Additionally, I was previously a UTSoc education director so I am well-experienced in running a range of events etcetera.

What I would do with the role :

- Firstly I would help change and bring recognition to our current equity-related complaints and grievances system from the center of social justice and inclusion.- As in the status quo this is pretty much the only way to report racism. Yet this process is tedious and often ineffective. Additionally, hardly anyone knows about this system and how to use it. So for a university that claims to have a zero tolerance for racism, I want to ensure that we keep this promise and have a system that actually effectively handled these issues of

racism on our campus and to ensure that students know that this system exists and how to use it when need be.

- this would be done through a range of policies and collaborations to create a proper system for complaints against racism instead of sweeping it under the rug as it is commonly done.
- Secondly, I would also like to bring more awareness to the ethnocultural collective as a whole. As currently a lot of students do not know that we exist and can be utilised as a collective for things such as activism but also just for having a space to talk about shared experiences and to revive support and guidance.
- Lastly, I would like to start a new initiative to have a mentorship program for BIPOC students to connect them to professionals in various fields as a way for the to see what is possible and to help them get the support they need. As I as understand how important having these good role models are.

Thank you for listening and I hope you will consider me for the role of ethnocultural president

No speech is received for Areejz Slamang

Votes For Mariam: 11

- *Mia Campbell*
- *Aylin Cihan*
- *Mariam Yassine*
- *Rose Mores*
- *Peter Munford*
- *Saihej Bhangu*
- *Bridie O'Kelly*
- *Kurt Cheng's proxy (held by Mariam Yassine)*
- *Joy Xu's proxy (held by Saihej Bhangu)*
- *Joseph Naffa's proxy (held by Rose Mores)*
- *Nour Al Hammouri*

Votes for Arjeez: 14

- *Will Simmons*
- *Zebadiah Cruickshank*
- *Bailey Riley*
- *Harry Ryan*
- *Laura Currie*
- *Jacqueline Bodill*
- *Anna Theiban*
- *Boris Tam*
- *George Pond*
- *Sara Chaturvedi*
- *Adrian Lozancic*
- *Ali Sobh*
- *Areejz Slamang's proxy (held by Anna Thiebien)*

- *Paniora Nukunuku's proxy (held by Jacqueline Bodill)*
Areejz is elected.

3.2. Disability Officer

George Pond nominates themselves

No other nomination received

Geroge is elected unopposed

3.3. Queer Students' Officer

Sara nominates themselves

No other nominations received

Sara is elected unopposed

3.5. Environment Officer

Boris Tam nominates themselves

No other nomination received

Boris Tam is elected unopposed

3.5. Director of Student Publications

Ashley Sullivan nominates themselves

No other nomination is received

Ashley Sullivan is elected unopposed

4. General Business 6:28pm

Nour Al Hammouri: we are going to call an emergency src meeting soon for O-Day spending on collectives and for Vertigo.

Zebadiah Cruickshank: you white dogs better be there at the invasion day rally

Will Simmons: there is a contingent meeting at the UnionsNSW headquarters who will walk to Belmore Park for the rally.

Will Simmons: I would also like to say that the handbook is now complete, so thank you to those who contributed. I look forward to when they are printed. A special thanks to Mary Morrish who has done the designs.

5. Close of Meeting 6:30pm