# MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING OF THE UTSSA - 17TH JANUARY 2022

#### AGENDA

| 1. | Opening | of M | leeting |
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- 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
- 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. Cultural Diversity Officer
  - 3.2. Accessibility Officer
  - 3.3. Queer Students' Officer
  - 3.4. Environment Officer
  - 3.5. Director of Student Publications
- 4. General Business
- 5. Close of Meeting

# ATTENDENCE

| Anna Thieben | President |  |
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| Sabrine Yassine      | General Secretary           |
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| Melissa Sukkarieh    | Assistant General Secretary |
| Cat Doherty          | Education Officer           |
| Nour Al-Hammouri     | Welfare Officer             |
| Eshna Gupta          | Women's Officer             |
| Harry Ryan           | Postgraduate Officer        |
| Peter Mumford        | Ex-officio Member           |
| Zebadiah Cruickshank | General Councillor          |
| Joseph Chalita       | Vertigo                     |
| Phillip Binns        | Returning Officer           |
| Biljana O'Connor     | UTSSA Staff                 |
| Camille Smith        | Indigenous Officer          |
| Bailey Riley         | Enviro Officer              |
| Cal Mckinley         | Accessibility Officer       |
| Gracie Abadee        | Queer Officer               |

| Suzy Monzer       | Ethnocultural Officer |
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| Mia Campbell      | General Councillor    |
| Vanessa Lim       | General Councillor    |
| Chloe Raffety     | General Councillor    |
| Saihej Bhangu     | General Councillor    |
| Sara Chaturvedi   | General Councillor    |
| Rufus Dadd-Daigle | General Councillor    |
| Simashee De Silva | General Councillor    |
| Adrian Lozancic   | General Councillor    |
| Will Simmons      | Observer              |
| Clodagh           | Observer              |
| Ashley Sullivan   | Vertigo               |
| Mariah Brown      | UTSSA Staff           |
| Remy Men          | Observer              |
| Rodger Liang      | Observer              |

| Holly Hayne | Observer |
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| Angela Jin  | DSP      |

# **MINTUES**

## 1. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting opens at 6:01pm

1.1 Acknowledgement of Country

Anna delivers Acknowledgment of country

1.2 Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

Antona who proxies to 1. Nour Al-Hammouri, 2. Mia Campbell, 3. Saihaj Singh. Nour accepts

Juneyt who proxies to 1. Sabrine Yassine, 2. Mia Campbell, 3. Saihej Singh. Sabrine Accepts

1.3. Declarations of Interest

None

1.4. Introduction to Council/President's Welcome

Anna gives her welcome to council

Summary of discussion:

- Critical campaigns for collectives, Job cuts, Enviro, LGBT rights.
- This is quite a challenging job and whilst it's not a 9-5, please avoid contacting after hours
- Reach out to university councillors if we are struggling
- 1.5. Confirmation of previous minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the previous November Council meeting are taken as a true and accurate record.

Mover: Anna

Seconder: Sabrine

Passed unanimously

# 2. APPOINTMENT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

1.1 Tabling of the election report

## Motion: Move that the election report be accepted

Moved: Anna

Seconded: Sabrine

Moved unanimously

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

Motion: That a speaking time of 3 minutes be set for the speeches of each Office Bearer candidate

Motion: That Philip Binns is elected as the Returning Officer (RO) for the current repselect meeting.

Motion: That the Standing order 4.3 be overlooked and the election of the accessibility officer be put before the election of the cultural diversity officer.

Mover: Anna

Seconder: Melissa

Passes unanimously

#### 3. ELECTION OF INTERNAL ASSOCATION POSITIONS

3.1. Accessibility Officer

Nomination from Cal Mckinley

Cal Mckinley is elected as accessibility officer

3.1. Cultural Diversity Officer

Nomination from Suzy Monzer

Suzy Monzer is elected as cultural diversity officer

3.3 Queer Officer

Nominations from Elijah Hollero and Gracie Abadee

Question from Eshna to both candidates: What have you done for Queer POC on campus

Question from Holly to Gracie: What will the officers do to fight the religious discrimination, Bill?

Question from Eshna to both candidates: Do you think that having a leadership team of POC students, burden them with the labour?

Question from Peter to both candidates: How will you support all queer students including questioning queer students?

## Graice is nominated as the 2022 Queer Officer, 13-12

#### 3.4 Environment Officer

Nominations from Vanessa Lim and Bailey Riley

Question from Mellissa to both candidates: How will the enviro collective from being an elitist space and accommodating to non-inner-city individuals

Question from Eshna to both candidates: What qualifies you for the role?

Question from Suzy to both candidates: The NUS passed the motion to call an Enviro National Day of Action on March 18th. What will you do in your capacity as the Environmental officer to build for the day

Question from Cal to both candidates: What if there is a conflict of political interest in terms of working on environmental initiatives?

Question from Adrian to both candidates: One concern that I've heard from students is that the collectives are becoming more "political" and "partisan," with attacks on parties and not the issues. As the OB of your collective, how will you campaign - will you focus on the issues? And will you attempt to negotiate with management, even if it means you can't get everything you initially wanted?

Question from Eshna to Bailey: How will you be balancing your membership in NLS and the party?

# Bailey is nominated as the 2022 Enviro Officer, 14-11

3.5 Director of Student Publications

Nomination from Angela Jin

Angela Jin is elected as DSP

# 4. GENERAL BUSINESS

Camille, brings up plans for invasion day. Isn't sure about the plans for invasion day due to Covid, will try to keep the council as updates as possible. 70-80% of students would like to attend both events. Will update the council on plans.

# 5. CLOSE OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

Meeting closes at 7:31