

Minutes of the January Meeting of the UTSSA 27^h January 2020.

Attendance:

- Aidan O'Rourke (President)
- Erin Dalton (General Secretary)
- Camille Smith (Assistant General Secretary)
- Sabine Yassine (Welfare Officer)
- Peter Munford (Postgraduate Officer)
- Mehmet Musa (General Councillor)
- Anna Thieben (Enviro Convenor)
- Cal McKinley (Queer Convenor)
- Damien Nguyen (Observer)
- Hawa Mohammad (General Councillor)
- Juneyt Cihan (University Council Representative – Undergraduate)
- Lina Min (General Councillor)
- Mariah Brown (UTSSA Executive Officer)
- Melissa Sukkarieh (Observer)
- Melodie Grafton (Ethnocultural Officer)
- Saumyaa Shukla (General Councillor)
- Vanessa Lim (Observer)
- Zebadiah Cruickshank (Indigenous Officer)
- Jared Turkington (General Councillor)
- Will Simmons (General Councillor)
- Bailey Riley (Observer)
- Davy MacDonald (Observer)
- Luna Manandhar (International Officer)

Agenda:

1. Opening of Meeting
 - 1.1. Election of Deputy Chair
 - 1.2. Acknowledgement of Country
 - 1.3. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies
 - 1.4. Declarations of Interest
2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes
 - 2.1. Executive Business
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes
 - 3.1. Finance and Policy Review Committees
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. Accessibility Officer
- 5.12. Queer Students' Officer
- 5.13. Environment Officer
- 6. Business Arising on Notice
 - 6.1. Operational and Procedural Business, Stipends and Reimbursements.
 - 6.2. Other Business on Notice
 - 6.2.1. Environment Officer Resignation
 - 6.2.2. Grievance Procedure Expenditure
 - 6.2.3. Collective By-Law Changes
 - 6.2.4. UTS Housing Motion
 - 6.2.5. UTSSA Shared Resource Drive
 - 6.2.6. Indigenous Collective Motion for SRC
 - 6.2.7. Megaphone Motion - Ethnocultural Collective
 - 6.2.8. International Collective Motion
- 7. General Business
- 8. Close of Meeting

Minutes:

1. Opening of Meeting

Meeting opened 6:41pm

1.1. Election of Deputy Chair

General Secretary elected as deputy chair unopposed.

1.2 Acknowledgement of Country

Delivered by Aidan.

1.3 Apologies and Proxies

Nick apologised and proxied to Erin; Erin accepted.

Nour apologised and proxied to 1) Abdul, 2) Lina, 3) Jared; Lina accepted.

Ruby apologised and proxied to 1) Mehmet, 2) Sabrine, 3) Abdul; Mehmet accepted.

Ursula apologised and proxied to 1) Lina, 2) Juneyt, 3) Luna; Juneyt accepted.

Charlie apologised and proxied to 1) Jared, 2) Ursula, 3) Lina; Jared accepted.

1.4 Declarations of Interest

None

2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Motion: That the SRC accept the minutes of the February SRC meeting as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Mehmet

Seconded: Peter

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: That the SRC accept the minutes of the previous Executive meetings as true and accurate records.

Moved: Erin

Seconded: Zeb

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Matters Arising from Previous Meeting Minutes

3.1 Finance & Policy Review Committees

Motion: That the following general members be elected to the Finance Committee:

1) Will Simmons

2) Abulrahman Kandil

3) Lina Min

Moved: Mehmet

Seconded: Will

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: That the following general members be elected to the Policy Review Committee:

- 1) Will Simmons
- 2) Mehmet Musa
- 3) Ruby Smith

Moved: Will

Seconded: Mehmet

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Correspondence

Aidan provides a summary of correspondence. Aidan has signed an open letter on behalf of the UTSSA to 2 MPs. Copies of any correspondence can be obtained by asking Aidan by email.

5. Office Bearers' Reports

5.1 President

Procedural Motion: That the SRC take reports submitted by the deadline as read, with the office bearer providing a summary if they wish.

Moved: Peter

Seconded: Sabrine

Motion carried unanimously.

Aidan summarises his report.

5.2 General Secretary

Erin Summarises their report.

5.3 Assistant General Secretary

Camille is unable to read her report. Erin reads her report on her behalf.

5.4 Education Officer

Taken as read.

5.5 Welfare Officer

Sabrina summarises her report.

5.6 Women's Officer

No report was received.

5.7 International Officer

Luna provides a verbal report to council.

5.8 Indigenous Officer

Taken as read.

5.9 Postgraduate Officer

Peter provides a verbal report to council.

5.10 Cultural Diversity Officer

Melodie summarises her report.

5.11 Accessibility Officer

Position vacant, no report received.

5.12 Queer Officer

Position vacant. Queer convenor Cal reads their report.

5.13 Environment Officer

Position vacant. Enviro convenor Anna provides a verbal report to council.

6. Business on Notice

6.1 Environment Officer Resignation

Enviro officer has resigned, then person who filled resigned.

Motion: That the position of Environment Officer is to remain vacant until a nomination has been received.

Moved: Erin

Seconded: Sabrina

Motion carried unanimously.

6.2 Grievance Procedure Expenditure

Motion: That the UTSSA spend an additional

Moved: Mehmet

Seconded: Jared

Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 Collective By-Law Changes

Aidan summarises what the amendments mean in terms of compiling.

Melodie: Wants to talk about document of bylaws. Wishes to consider changes to attendance of Collective meetings, that attendance be forwarded to President. Speaking about this as an issue that the Ethnocultural Collective. The pursuant section is read to the meeting. Ethnocultural Collective strongly opposes the changes in general and seeks to strike this component specifically. Concerns with outing etc. Claims it is related to autonomy, and a breach of collective autonomy for all members to be recorded. Why should they trust the President? Melodie trusts Aidan she guesses.

Aidan: Idea of confidentiality is that the list is confidential. It is mostly for security purposes, including Covid and any other possible risks or threats. Similar to Queer Space with swipe card access. The only person who knows will be the President, and only if that information is required will it be passed on. List is not intended to be shared. Aidan is happy to see an amendment to outline that it is forbidden for them to do so.

Will: Can we add a burnout clause.

Anna: Proposes that the officer receives the list instead of the President.

Aidan: Again, ultimate responsibility of Association lies with President. Happy to make it such that rules reflect something more suitable and secure but unwilling to take a step back.

Anna: Asks why this has been changed now.

Melodie: Wants to work towards discussing Anna's idea. Collective OBs are responsible in the same way Aidan is. Names and information need to be private and open discussion of collective OBs only in this room perhaps?

Camille: Asks about events off campus.

Aidan: Notes it would only be for meetings.

Ellie: Not an autonomous collective OB but thinks the change should be made. Does not trust the possible violations of autonomy by future Presidents.

Melodie: Wishes to postpone discussion to next month. Recognises that bylaws are just clarifying and establishing but wants to workshop.

Aidan: Happy to put in words that abuses cannot happen, but by-laws should be passed this meeting.

Ellie: What requires this change to happen?

Damien: Thinks it is an issue that could drive away members from collectives.

Aidan: Summarises reasons, including breaches of the law, misconducts regarding the university, WHS etc.

Anna: Would you require people attending via Zoom, since people are not accessing spaces.

Aidan: Should be moving towards on-campus activities, however yes, they would apply to online meetings.

Melodie: Why not keep it in spreadsheet for OBs only, and President can get it when asked.

Ellie: In case of illegal activity, police could request list, which places people at risk.

Erin: Notes that in that case police must be informed anyway.

Motion: That section 3.5 of the proposed Schedule 2 be amended such that the words "To be submitted to the President" are replaced by "To be held by the Autonomous Collective Office Bearer"

Moved: Ellie

Seconded: Melodie

5 for, 10 Against, motion fails.

Motion: That the amendments be considered en bloc.

Moved: Jared

Seconded: Peter

Motion carried unanimously.

Aidan: Reads bloc of amendments.

Damien: Does 3.4 mean non-autonomous members of meetings have votes?

Aidan: Notes that everyone must agree for meetings to be non-autonomous, while for events, 2/3 instead.

Melodie: Event or meeting?

Aidan: Event

Melodie: Observers, any opinions? Do we need it?

Erin: Thinks crux of issue is based on autonomous events allowing a non-autonomous speaker etc present, which should be fine.

Mehmet: Suggests removing provision around non-autonomous members present in meetings, where autonomous members do not get vote.

Erin: Proposes notice of non-members attending.

Melodie: Does not think notice is needed. Makes it more complicated for calling meetings etc.

Erin: Thinks decision should be made by Collective to have meeting be open to non-members.

Ellie: Cross campus collab is important. Things happen quickly. USyd and UNSW ed officers have come to EAGs with no issue.

Melodie: Does not think members care about if people from other universities attend.

Aidan: Is happy to see an amendment, will make changes.

Anna: Has an amendment to the section regarding notice. Wants place to be struck from section.

Aidan: Explains the place and date can be vague.

Mehmet: States that notice is still needed.

Aidan: Makes amendment to clarify.

Aidan: Move to vote on amendments.

Motion: That the amendments be adopted.

Moved: Erin

Seconded: Sabrine

Amendments carry unanimously.

Motion: That Schedule 2 be passed as amended.

Moved: Mehmet

Seconded: Sabrine

Motion carried unanimously.

Sabrine leaves meeting at 8:02, proxies to Peter.

6.4 UTS Housing Motion

Motion: That the SRC adopt the policy.

Moved: Mehmet

Seconded: Jared

Motion carried unanimously.

Mehmet left 8:03

6.5 UTSSA Shared Resources Drive

Erin explains the need for a shared resources drive.

Motion: That the SRC adopt the policy.

Moved: Erin

Seconded: Camille

Motion carried unanimously.

6.6 Indigenous Collective Motion for SRC

Zeb: Formally invites SRC to deaths in custody rally, contingent organised by Indigenous Collective.

Motion: That the SRC adopt the policy.

Moved: Zeb

Seconded: Erin

Motion carried unanimously.

Mehmet returned 8:10

6.7 Megaphone Motion: Ethnocultural Collective

Melodie: Thinks it would be fabulous that we had megaphones. Better to exist out of booking and approval policies of UTSSA. Efficient and empowering for Ethnocultural Collective to literally amplify their voices. Settled on megaphone for \$25.

Aidan: Happy to amend motion to a single megaphone and batteries for \$50 upper spend. Amenable to mover.

Motion: That the SRC approve an upper spending limit of \$50 for one megaphone and batteries for the Ethnocultural Collective.

Moved: Melodie

Seconded: Camille

Motion carried unanimously.

6.8 International Collective Motion.

Luna: Got an issue raised by a student. Student was forced to fail because of accessibility and was forced to withdraw from subject because she did not inform subject coordinators. Issue with conflict of interest with regards to director of study being director of international students. Issue relating to provision for part-time study.

Sabrina returns 8:13pm

Erin: Proposes that it may be more useful to follow up accessibility.

Erin: Adds amendment to ensure Accessibility Officers make students aware of the requirements to indicate to SCs and lecturers. Amenable to mover.

Motion: That the SRC adopt the policy as amended.

Moved: Luna

Seconded: Melodie

Motion carries unanimously.

7. General Business

Melodie: Do collective events have to be approved by SRC?

Aidan: As per policy passed in February, go to President.

8. Close of Meeting

Meeting closed 8:19