Minutes of the OCTOBER Meeting of the UTSSA – 26nd OCTOBER 2022

# Agenda

1.      Opening of Meeting

1.1.   Acknowledgement of Country

1.2.   Confirmation of Deputy Chair

1.3.   Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

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2.1.   Executive Business

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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.      Other Reports

6.1.   Committees

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

7.      Operational and Procedural Business, Stipends and Reimbursements.

 7.1. Queer Collective reimbursements

8.      Other Business Arising on Notice

8.1.   Iranian peoples Solidarity Motion

8.2. NUS Affiliation Fees

8.3. Disability Collective Spending Motions

8.4. Women’s Collective Spending Motions

8.5 UTSSA Survey Spending Motion

9.  General Business

10.   Close of Meeting

# ATTENDENCE

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| Anna Thieben | President |
| Sabrine Yassine | General Secretary |
| Melissa Sukkarieh | Assistant General Secretary |
| Cat Doherty | Education Officer |
| Nour Al-Hammouri | Welfare Officer |
| Harry Ryan | Postgraduate Officer |
| Suzy Monzer | Ethnocultural Officer  |
| Zebadiah Cruickshank | General Councillor |
| Cal Mckinley | Accessibility Officer |
| Saihej Bhangu | General Councillor |
| Mariah Brown | UTSSA Staff |
| Biljana O’Conner  | UTSSA Staff |
| Adrian Lozancic  | General Councillor |
| Melodie Grafton | General Councillor |
| Aidan O’Rourke  | Past President  |
| Paniora Nukunuku  | Observer |
| Aylin Cihan  | Observer  |
| Chris  | Observer |
| Peter Mumford  | Ex-Officio Member  |
| Bailey Riley  | Environment Officer  |
| Mia Campbell  | General Councillor |
| Georgia Pond | Observer  |
| Jacqueline Bodhil  | Observer |
| Elijah Hollero  | General Councillor |
| Simashee De Silva  | General Councillor |
| Sara Chaturvedi | General Councillor |

# Mintues

## 1.      Opening of Meeting

Meeting opens at 6:37

*1.1   Acknowledgement of Country*

Anna delivers Acknowledgment of country

*1.2   Election of Deputy Chair*

General Secretary remains chair

*1.3. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies*

Rufus who proxies to 1. Nour, 2. Sabrine, 3. Saihej. Nour accepts

Gracie who proxies to 1 Melodie 2. Bailey 3. Sabrine. Bailey accepts

Eshna who proxies to 1. Cal 2. Elijah 3. Melissa. Cal accepts

Antona who proxies to 1. Nour 2. Mia 3. Saihej. Mia accepts

*1.4.   Declarations of Interest*

None

## 2.      Confirmation of Previous Minutes

*2.1.   Confirmation of previous minutes*

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

Moved: Zeb

Seconded:Harry

*Passes unanimously*

## 3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

## 4. Correspondence

## 5. Office Bearers’ Reports

5.1.   President

No report.

5.2.   General Secretary

Report is summarised

5.3.   Assistant General Secretary

No report.

5.4.   Education Officer

No report.

5.5.   Welfare Officer

No report.

5.6.   Women’s Officer

No report.

5.7.   International Students’ Officer

No Report.

5.8.   Indigenous Students’ Officer

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5.9.   Postgraduate Students’ Officer

No Report.

5.10. Cultural Diversity Officer

No report.

5.11 Accessibility Officer

Speaks to report

5.12.  Queer Students’ Officer

No Report.

5.13.  Environment Officer

No Report.

## 6. Other Reports

6.1 *Committees*

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

## 7.  Operational and Procedural Business, Stipends and Reimbursements.

*7.1    Queer Collective Reimbursements*

**Motions:**

1. **That the SRC reimburse 75.45 to Elyjah Hollero for food during the Wear it Purple Day Picnic.**
2. **That the SRC pay $250 to Fox Pflueger for RadEd Week Sex Ed Panel.**

Moved: Zeb

Seconded: Cal

*Passes unanimously*

## 8. Other Business Arising on Notice

*8.1    Iranian peoples Solidarity Motion*

**Motion: The UTSSA stands in solidarity with all people impacted by the horrific situation unfolding currently in Iran.**

Moved: Nour

Seconded: Sabrine

*Passes unanimously*

Suzy: Suggests writing to your local MP’s as an act of solidarity and a way to bring action forth - whether it be an international capacity or generally sharing knowledge.

*8.2    NUS Affiliation Fees*

**Motion: That the UTSSA approve $38,500 in NUS affiliation fees.**

Moved: Bailey

Seconded: Cal

*Passes unanimously*

Sabrine: This was the final amount negotiated down through the wavier process.

Peter: UTS used to affiliate a much higher amount and without big institutions like UTS the NUS would not have the budget to run their campaigns across Australia

*8.3    Disability Collective Spending Motions*

**Motions:**

1. **That the SRC pass $150 spending to pay Kochava Lilit for zer workshop on disability and transformative justice**

Moved: Cal

Seconded: Mia

1. **That the SRC pass an upper spending limit of $700 to pay speakers for Disability Collective rad ed week panel**

Moved: Cal

Seconded: Melodie

*Passes unanimously*

*8.4   Women’s’ Collective Spending Motions*

***Motion: To vote the women’s collective spending motions en bloc:***

Moved: Sabrine

Seconded: Peter

*Passes unanimously*

**Motions:**

1. **That the SRC pass $40 to cover snacks, drinks and the cost of a film for the Women’s’ Collective movie night**
2. **That the SRC pass an upper spending limit of $700 to pay speakers for the Women’s Collective rad ed events including paying speakers and printing.**

Moved: Sabrine

Seconded: Peter

*Passes unanimously*

* 1. *UTSSA Survey Spending motion*

**Motion: That the SRC approve $1000 for Facebook ads promoting the upcoming release of the UTSSA survey and provide four student survey prizes.**

Moved: Nour

Seconded: Zeb

*Passes unanimously*

Suzy: What questions are on the survey?

Sabrine: Notes where the survey can be found on the UTSSA Facebook, encourages people to complete the survey so we can rely on reliable results.

Nour: Have we tried SFS survey?

Anna: Explains that we have tried but there are already so many questions on the SFS so only a question on bluebird is included

Melissa: What have we used the surveys for?

Biljana: We have done one on the effects of Covid and isolation and used that to tailor our services.

Suzy: What is the response rate we get from students?

Anna: Notes that the last survey was around 300 people, which would be a high number, and then next year we should try organising earlier and a survey that’s tailored more specifically and get a larger number of responses.

Suzy: Explains that during campaigning for safe spaces, the SFS has been used with questions about student safety on campus and using resources - it would fit on there if we potentially decided to

Biljana: Discusses that when using the SFS you have to be comfortable with the information the university is capturing. This survey can help us gauge where we are sitting and even though it may not be a holistic picture but gives us an idea.

## 9. General Business

Zeb: Discuses the COP 2022 climate rally that is held the 15th of November COP 2022 and encourages people to attend.

**Motion:** That the SRC puts forward the motion in General Business:

Moved: Zeb

Seconded: Bailey

*Passes unanimously*

**Motion:** That the UTS SRC endorse the COP 27 rally on the 15th of November.

Moved: Zeb

Seconded: Bailey

*Passes unanimously*

## 10.   Close of Meeting

Meeting closes at 7:02