

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING OF THE UTSSA – 18TH OF AUGUST 2022

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8.2. Appointment of tribunal for General election

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9. General Business

10. Close of Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Anna Thieben	President
Sabrina 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
Bailey Riley	Environment Officer
Cal Mckinley	Accessibility Officer
Vanessa Lim	General Councillor
Mia Campbell	General Councillor
Gracie Abadee	Queer Officer
Rufus Dadd	General Councillor

Saihej Bhangu	General Councillor
Sara Chaturvedi	General Councillor
Georgia Pond	Observer
Kurt Cheng	Observer
Joseph Hathaway-Wilson	Vertigo
Mariah Brown	UTSSA Staff
Christina Markovska	UTSSA Staff

MINTUES

1. OPENING OF MEETING

Meeting opens at 6:34

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

Antona proxies 1. Nour, 2. Mia, 3. Saihej. Nour accepts.

Vanessa proxies 1. Sara, 2. Elijah, 3. Eshna. Sara accepts.

Juneyt proxies 1. Sabrina, 2. Nour. Sabrina accepts.

Cat proxies 1. Melissa, 2. Eshna, 3. Cal. Attends meeting

Peter proxies 1. Rufus, 2. Mia. Rufus accepts

Simashee proxies 1. Sara, 2. Elijah, 3. Eshna. Attends meeting.

1.4 Declarations of Interest

2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Confirmation of previous minutes

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

Motion passes

2.1. Executive business

Anna speaks on two executive meetings that happened since the last meeting. In the first one we passed funding for the food pantry, and in the second one we passed funding for NUS Education Conference.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Anna speaks on correspondence since last meeting.

Since the last meeting the SPA has been signed

We've also has correspondence with the NUS, have set us our affiliation fees, Anna explains we've been paying \$50,000 and should considering affiliating for less, Considering it is a significant amount of our budget.

Adrian question, how much should we be paying, is there a minimum?

Explains that USYD pays \$50,000 and have a much more significant budget, it sometimes depends on number of students enrolled.

Further correspondence - Legal services, someone has put in resume for the position, will be having a meeting,

Notice for this meeting was accidently given out outside of the 24 hours.

Motion to accept all items for discussion

Sabrina moves, Melissa seconds

Passes

5. OFFICE BEARERS' REPORTS

5.1. President

Take most of report as read, speaks on pantry and Rad Ed Week

5.2. General Secretary

Takes as read

3. Assistant General Secretary

Gives report

5.4. Education Officer

Gives report, speaks on USYD strikes, and NTEU stalling

5.5. Welfare Officer

Gives report

5.6. Women's Officer

No report

Speaks on progress of WOCO had O'day, recruitment has been really good with 20-30 people signing up. Since O'day have had successful reading groups, social events, trivia night with society of communications as a charity drive. Right now, focused on organising for RadEd week.

5.7. International Students' Officer

Not in attendance

5.8. Indigenous Students' Officer

Vacant

5.9. Postgraduate Students' Officer

Harry speaks on 10% stipend increase, research is the equivalent to full time job, reliant on the money provided. A win for postgrad students.

5.10. Cultural Diversity Officer

No report. Not at meeting yet can't speak to ethno updates.

5.11. Disabilities Officer

Report given

5.12. Queer Students' Officer

Report given

5.13. Environment Officer

Report given

6. OTHER REPORTS

7. OPERATIONAL AND PROCEDURAL BUSINESS, STIPENDS AND REIMBURSEMENTS.

8. OTHER BUSINESS ARISING ON NOTICE

8.1. Appointment of tribunal for Indigenous Officer election

Motion: That the UTS SRC appoints Shaunnagh Dorsett, Wendy Lam and Preeti Somasi as the tribunal for the Indigenous Officer election

Passed by Nour, seconded by Mia

Motion passes unanimously

8.2. Appointment of tribunal for General election

Motion: That the UTS SRC appoints Shaunnagh Dorsett, Wendy Lam and Preeti Somasi as the tribunal for the UTSSA General election.

Passed by Nour, seconded by Zeb

Motion passes unanimously

8.3. Election of Returning officer

Motion: That the UTS SRC elect Philip Binns as the returning officer for the UTSSA annual election.

Passed by Zeb, seconded by Harry

Motion passes unanimously

8.4. Ukraine Solidarity Motion

Motion: That the UTSSA stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine and students of Ukrainian descent. The SRC recognises that the Russian Federation has committed atrocities in Ukraine, and that these acts and invasion were unprovoked. The SRC respects Ukraine's national sovereignty, cultural identity and stands with the Ukrainian people in calling for the withdrawal of the Russian occupation. The SRC understands that the Russian people are not responsible for the atrocities, but victims of tyranny.

Passed by Adrian, seconded by Eshna

Motion passes unanimously

Adrian speaks on the motion, explains how the invasion affects students at UTS. Wants to emphasise attacks were unprovoked, and that ordinary Russian people are not to blame.

8.5. Audit Motion

Motion: That the UTSSA publish results of annual audits on the website for transparency.

Adrian passes, seconded by Cal

For – 9

Abstains – Remaining

Motion passes

Zeb and Bailey dissent council goes into discussion

Bailey questions if that putting out the audit risks data leaks for students.

Adrian clarifies that what we will be publishing is financial information that should be public, and doesn't include personal details.

Bailey revokes dissent.

Mariah speaks on motion; clarifies we have always shown summaries in Vertigo other the last few years and its already online so is okay to publish.

8.6. Media policy motion

Motion: That the UTSSA publish the social media policy and media policy on the website for transparency.

Adrian passes, Cal seconds

Adrian speaks on motion

Anna explains Biljana isn't comfortable with releasing internal association documents that are only relevant to council.

Adrian still emphasises that this information around policy should be public knowledge as it binds people to rules, and people should understand what they are elected are bound to.

Eshna explains that students wishing to run in elections and participate within the student union should have access to these documents before electing themselves to positions.

Cal explains that just because it isn't protocol, there isn't a harm in posting.

Bailey states it becomes an issue because how we function will be micromanaged by the university, putting the association under more unnecessary scrutiny.

Cal points out the SPA was more a risk to putting the association under scrutiny of the university having signed a deal with them.

Sabrina suggests having an option to contact the association and request the documents on our website.

Mehmet suggests putting together a policy pack for students wanting to run in elections that includes all relevant information including social media policy.

Sabrina, moves amendment (amendable to mover), that the motion passes so that the policy booklet can be accessed by students enquiring about policies, and for this to be put on our website, and for policy pack to be put together for elections.

Motion: That the UTSSA make the social media policy and media policy accessible to students for transparency.

-Students can email UTSSA and request policies, this will be stated on our website

-Policy pack be put together for election and given to those running

Motion passes unanimously

8.7 Ethical Jobs spending motion

Motion: That the SRC approve \$154 to advertise the UTSSA caseworker role on Ethical Jobs.

Passed by Elijah, seconded Sabrina

Motion passes unanimously

8.8. AFR NDA Motion

Motion: That the UTSSA endorse the upcoming education NDA: No Cuts! No Fees! Protest AFR Higher Education Summit.

Passed by Cat, seconded by Melissa

Adrian abstains

Motion passes

Cat speaks to motion

Adrian directs question to Cat 'What is your response to students that argue we should have a closer relationship to businesses for internship and employment opportunities.

Cat speaks against the idea of the university as a business, education shouldn't be a for profit industry, the consideration shouldn't be business in education but the students and the quality of their education.

Bailey agrees with Cat, points out what happened with the liberals job ready package, people are still studying arts.

Adrian believes that universities should be engaged with businesses, scholarships etc, and points out this has been beneficial for some students.

8.9 Rad Education Week

Motion: For the UTSSA to endorse and promote the cross collective organised 'Radical Education Week'.

Passed by Melissa, Seconded by Eshna

Motion passes unanimously

Anna speaks to motion, radical education week will be led by collectives, will run in October will be an amazing opportunity to educate based on our different campaigns and collectives.

Eshna agrees it'll be a great way to end our term, put our campaigns out there, engage students, and suggests we have a UTSSA event.

Harry speaks to accessibility, could it be on weekend.

Eshna we should record sessions for accessibility.

Melissa, speaks on what the contributions can be, can be low effort, most are workshops, and panels etc but can even be zines, and resources that run outside of the events run.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

Elijah brings up concern about CREDO being given semi-permanent space near queer space.

Motion for the meeting to go in camera.

Passed by Zeb, seconded Harry

Motion passes unanimously

10. CLOSE OF MEETING

Meeting closes at 7.55