

# REPS ELECT 2026 MINUTES

04/12/2025 | 6:30pm | CB11.05.200 & Zoom

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## 1. Opening of meeting at 6:31pm

### 1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

Neeve delivers the acknowledgement of country, acknowledging the Gadigal people of the Eora nation upon whose ancestral lands UTS stands, and extends respect to elders past, present and emerging and any Indigenous people present today. Neeve acknowledges that sovereignty was never ceded, and that this always was and always will be, Aboriginal land.

## 1.2. Attendance, Apologies and Proxies

### Attendees

Name	Position (Councillor, Student Observer, Staff)
Neeve Nagle	President
Salma Elmubasher	General Secretary
Cam Perez	Assistant General Secretary
Sina Ashfarmehr	Welfare Officer
Ella Haid	Education Officer
Francesca Harrison	Women's Officer
Taya Morante	Indigenous Officer
George Tulloch	Postgraduate Officer
Rose Saksena	International Student's Officer
Amelia Wilson-Williams	General Councillor (Elected Disabilities Officer)
Grace Cole	General Councillor (Elected Queer Officer)
Eamonn Ryan	General Councillor (Elected Environment Officer)
Omar El-Sobihy	General Councillor (Elected Ethnocultural Officer)
Aaron Choy	General Councillor
Isabella Taylor	General Councillor
Jonathan Waters	General Councillor
Yasmine Johnson	General Councillor
Liyara Flavel	General Councillor
Andrew Brogden	General Councillor
Ibrahim Hadi	General Councillor

Benjamin Grant-Skiba	General Councillor
Rohen Snowball	Observer
Brendan Tate	Observer
Zack Hossain	Observer
Oscar Favelle	Observer
Jessica Van Den Broek	UTSSA Staff
Mariah Brown	UTSSA Staff
Kimia Nojournian	Vertigo
Nuha Dole	Vertigo
Mariam	Vertigo
Emanie Darwiche	Vertigo
Asha Johnston	Vertigo
Laurie Lim	Vertigo
Zara Hatton	Vertigo Head of Student Publications

## Apologies

Name	Position (Councillor, Student Observer, Staff)
Chloe Ferreria	Undergraduate UTS Council Representative
Sreekar Reddy Edulapalli	Post Graduate UTS Council Representative

## Proxies

Name	Proxy Accepted By
Isabella Taylor	Cam Perez
Chloe Ferreria	Eamonn Ryan

### 1.3. Declarations of Interest

Neeve calls for Declarations of Interest to be made for this meeting.  
There are no declarations.

### 1.4 Introduction to Council / President's Welcome

### 1.5. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

No Minutes

## 2. Appointment of the Returning Officer

**Riki Scanlan** is nominated as Returning Officer.

Mover: Sina Ashfarmehr

Seconder: Cam Perez

**The election of Returning Officer is confirmed unopposed.**

### 2.1. Tabling of Election Report (If Applicable)

Riki speaks to their election report highlighting a 4.7% increase in student participation in elections with more people successfully completing their ballots. All staff ensured that all ballots were taken. Riki recommends a change in polling hours, shifting the 3:30-6:30 to 2:30-5:30.

Eamon asks if the lunch break for election workers is still included? Riki responds it is built into the new proposed.

Emanie asks about the relationship between Vertigo and UTSSA elections. Riki clarifies that OBs cannot campaign to Vertigo and vice versa. All campaigners are not allowed to endorse Presidential or EIC candidates in future elections.

George asks for a clarification on recommendation 2.

Riki responds saying that candidates or campaigners cannot make dishonest statements.

Ibrahim asks if we can know how much the election cost? Riki does not know.

**The election report is accepted.**

## 2.2 Business on Notice Required to be Discharged

### 3. Election of Internal Positions

#### 3.1. Ethnocultural Officer

Two nominations are received for the position of Ethnocultural Officer:

**Omar El-Sobihy**

**Benjamin Grant-Skiba**

**Omar El-Sobihy** speaks to represent Palestinian and overall all BIPOC voices as Ethnocultural Officer.

**Benjamin Grant-Skiba** speaks to the complicity of the Australian Labor Party with ongoing international conflicts.

**Benjamin Grant-Skiba** rescinds his nomination.

**Omar El-Sobihy is elected to the position of Ethnocultural Officer unopposed.**

#### 3.2. Disabilities Officer

**Amelia Wilson-Williams** nominates to the position of Disabilities Officer.

**Amelia Wilson-Williams is elected to the position of Disabilities Officer unopposed.**

#### 3.3. Queer Officer

Two nominations are received for the position of Queer Officer:

**Yasmine Johnson**

**Grace Cole**

**Grace** speaks to represent her community as a queer person and wanting to foster a larger community on campus.

**Yasmine** speaks to her nomination, and the importance of a fighting student movement. Speaks to the importance of pressuring the Australian Labor Party due to its complicity in the ongoing Palestinian genocide.

Yasmine rescinds her nomination.

**Grace is elected to the position of Queer Officer unopposed.**

### 3.4. Environment and Technology Officer

**Eamonn Ryan** nominates to the position of Environment and Technology Officer.  
*Eamonn Ryan is elected to the position of Environment and Technology Officer unopposed.*

### 3.5. Director of Student Publications

**Zara Hatton** nominates to the position of Director of Student Publications.  
*Zara Hatton is elected to the position of Director of Student Publications unopposed.*

## 4. General Business

No General Business is raised.

## 5. Close of Meeting 6.49pm

**General Business:**

Yassmin propose to have a discussion about NUS