



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 6:00pm on Thursday 22nd February 2024 via Zoom link.

<p>PRESENT: *Attended via Zoom</p>	<p>Coco Chen –Macquarie Business School Undergraduate Representative Aaron Douglas – Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative Anna Smith – Official University Sport Representative Aaryan Shah – Disability Representative Rhys Collyer – Postgraduate Representative Manasbi Poudel – Council Member Will Glen – Faculty of Arts Representative Annelise Pollard – LGBTQIA+ Representative</p>
<p>APOLOGIES:</p>	<p>Kathy Htun –Faculty of Science and Engineering Undergraduate Representative</p>
<p>ABSENT:</p>	<p>Wanjing Xiao – International Student Representative Reece Nuttall – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representative Ria Prasad – Women’s Representative</p>

SECRETARY: Bella Galea – Governance (SRC) and Education Officer
CHAIR: Coco Chen –Macquarie Business School Undergraduate Representative

MINUTES

1. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Secretary commenced meeting at 6:02 PM. The Chair provided the Acknowledgment of Country as per the text provided by the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy):

“I respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Macquarie University land, the Wallumattagal clan of the Dharug Nation. May we pay respects to the Elders, and knowledge holders who have, and continue to, pass on their knowledge and wisdom for the sustainability of our environments, our cultures, our education and our communities. May the ancestors spirits watch over us today to ensure that we have a successful and productive meeting and may we remember to tread lightly on our countries and to thoughtfully carry on the legacy of those that walked before us on this land.”

The Disability Representative to provide an Acknowledgement of Country at the next meeting.

1.2. Chair's Welcome, Quorum, and Apologies

The Secretary noted that apologies and welcomed the staff members present.

1.3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

None declared.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1.** The Student Representative Committee resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. FINANCIAL REPORTS

SRC and Postgraduate Fund (MUPRA) Expenditure Report – December 2023.

The Secretary provided a review of the previous financial year and explained the structure of the financial reports and set the expectations of the financial reports for 2024.

4. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The Council member did not provide an update as the next Council meeting will be held on February 29th.

5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5.1 Student Advisory Group Respect Now Always

Vivian Luu Project Officer for the Respect. Now. Always. program addressed the SRC and explained the structure of the program, the stakeholders involved and invited members of the SRC to join the Student Advisory Group.

Membership of the Advisory is for 12 months with a 4 – 12-hour commitment a year which includes 4 hours of meetings (compulsory attendance) and 8 hours of consultation (emails, ad-hoc meetings). Membership is recognised through AHEGS, and a statement of participation will be recorded on student transcripts. The next meeting will be held on the March 19th on-campus.

Action Items:

The Secretary to disseminate information on how to join the Student Advisory Group.

5.2 Student Groups Funding

The Postgraduate Representative explained the motion put forward for consideration and inclusion on the agenda. The member acknowledged that they were advised by the Secretary and Secretariat to present and discuss the item with the SRC prior to transformation into a motion.

The Secretary explained that the Student Groups are internal groups, therefore, are not subject to external legislation. The funding provided to Student Groups is Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) funding, and where Student Groups require additional funding, this should be raised via fundraising activities, stalls and applications for SRC Grant funding

where appropriate. The Secretary highlighted the use of SSAF funding across the University and noted the impact increased funding of Student Groups may have on other areas of the University.

The Secretary recommended that the SRC undertake consultation with the Student Groups.

Action Items:

The Secretary to contact the Postgraduate Representative via email to collaborate on a survey to be mailed out to Student Group Executives for consultation.

**5.3 SRC Student & Society Grant – Matthew Dobson
Autonomous Droid Competition
(For discussion and vote)**

The Chair outlined the grant and the SRC discussed the grant. The Postgraduate Representative and the Chair queried the funding requested by the grant applicant and requested clarity on the expenses.

The Chair acknowledged the importance of competition and the importance of the opportunity for the university to compete against the top universities in the state.

Action Items:

- SRC members voted unanimously to request more information about the grant from the applicant.
- The Secretary to request additional information on the development of the robot.

**5.4 SRC Student & Society Grant – Vanessa Penna
Goncalves Symposium on Sociality in Spiders
(Additional Information provided)
(For discussion and vote)**

The Chair outlined the grant and the SRC discussed the grant. The Secretary clarified that the applicant previously submitted the grant via both the Student & Societies Grant and Postgraduate Grant application forms.

The Secretary clarified that the original figure requested was \$7430, noted the applicant has removed costs including food. The LGBTQIA+ Representative acknowledged that the applicant has revised the application and recognised there is not a lot of flexibility with transport options.

The Chair recommended the SRC consider the partial funding of the grant.

The Secretary provided an overview of the previous grants approved in 2023.

Resolution:

- Five in favour, two against. The motion passes, funding is granted.

Action Items:

- The Secretary to inform the applicant of the outcome.

5.5 National Leadership Forum (For discussion)

The Secretary provided an overview of the event and outlined the merits of the event in previous years for students of the University. The Forum allows young leaders to spend time alongside Members of Parliament, leaders of business, and other young leaders from various stages of life to consider who they are as leaders, how they can expand their leadership repertoire, and how they may use their authentic leadership to serve others.

The Forum is held in Canberra runs from 22nd August to 25th August 2024 for individuals aged 18 to 26 years old at a cost of \$2080 per person.

The Chair provided information and reflection about their attendance the Forum as a previous delegate.

The Postgraduate Representative supported the potential nomination of four (4) SRC sponsored positions open to all students at the university.

Action Items:

- The Secretary to disseminate information to the SRC about the Forum.

5.6 Purpose Exercise (For discussion)

The Secretary explained the purpose of this exercise to prepare the SRC for future discussion.

Deferred until a future meeting.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

6.1 Chairperson raised concerns about the presence of the SRC within the university and queried how the SRC could familiarise themselves with the current SRC.

The Council Representative noted that the SRC social media representatives are awaiting the submission of individual bios and photographs before adding profiles to the SRC social media pages.

The Council Representative requested an update on the status of motions submitted to the Secretary. The Secretary explained that motions were very similar to previously submitted motions and further discussion will be required.

The Chair proposed SRC engagement with the Faculty Welcome's during Kickstart and O-Week or something similar but separate for SRC Members.

The Secretary updated the SRC on the status of the SRC shirts, and it is recommended the SRC wear the shirts for their publicity shoot.

The Secretary provided an update on the SRC Office.

Action Item:

- The Secretary to investigate the Faculty Welcome's and Student Group Welcome's as an option for SRC to attend and/or be involved with in some way.

7. QUESTION TIME

The Dean of Students provided an update to the SRC that at the end of March they will be stepping down from their role.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) will be TBD, all agenda items must be submitted to the SRCSecretariat@mq.edu.au.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairperson at 7:42 PM.