

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 5.30 pm on Monday 13 November 2017 in the Academic Senate Room, Level 3, 16 Wally's Walk (C8A).

PRESENT:	Fiona Reed (Chair) Dmytro Bondarenko Alex Cullen Amanda Fotheringham Aidan Galea Alexander Hablutzel	Sam Hurrell Kimberly La Timothy Mathew Sarah McCabe Maddison O'Gradey-Lee Tamara Paulin	Mahyar Pourzand Paul Russell Anthony Ryan Dee (Danica) Zegarac
APOLOGIES:	James Cummins Grace Goddard Kim Guerin	Milind Lokhande Suren Missaghi Caitlin Rhodes	Aditya Srivastava
IN ATTENDANCE:	Megan Kemmis, University Committee Secretary and Manager of Secretariat Services Nicole Saunders, Manager, Campus Engagement		
ABSENT:	Stacey Broll	Zwe Paing Sett	Cissy Shen
SECRETARIAT:	Air Sinthawalai, Governance Officer		

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

James Cummins provided an Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of the SRC.

ACTION:

Amanda Fotheringham will provide the Acknowledgement of Country at the next SRC meeting, 14 December 2017.

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed members and noted that apologies had been received from James Cummins, Grace Goddard, Kim Guerin, Milind Lokhande, Suren Missaghi, Caitlin Rhodes and Aditya Srivastava.

The Chair noted that in addition to the members, the following were in attendance:

- Megan Kemmis - University Committee Secretary and Manager of Secretariat Services
- Nicole Saunders – Manager, Campus Engagement

and confirmed that a quorum was achieved.

Members were informed of the following:

- Changes to the membership
 - Student Representative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students – Amanda Fotheringham (casual vacancy until 13 May 2019)
 - Student Representative for Women Students – Maddison O'Gradey-Lee (casual vacancy until 13 May 2019)
 - MSO Representative – waiting for the candidate to accept the offer.
- A resignation was received from Runali Kamble for the Postgraduate Student Representative from the Faculty of Science and Engineering position and the resulting vacancy is filled by Dmytro Bondarenko.

3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Sam Hurrell, Maddison O'Gradey-Lee, Paul Russell and Dee Zegarac declared perceived conflicts of interest in relation to grant applications.

4. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA

4.1 ADOPTION OF UNSTARRED ITEMS

The items not starred for discussion were noted, and where appropriate, adopted as recommended.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 19 OCTOBER 2017

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held 19 October 2017 as a true and accurate record.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS

The Committee noted the completed action items and an update on the other outstanding item:

- Improved Dialogue with Student Body – ongoing, update to be provided at the next meeting.

7. UPDATE FROM SRC TREASURER

7.1 EXPENDITURE REPORT

The Committee noted the November 2017 expenditure report and the budget remaining which does not include the grant proposals to be considered during this meeting.

7.2 REPORT ON THE PROPOSED 2018 SCHEDULE OF WORK

It was noted that the proposal does not include funds for personal development for SRC members but this can be reviewed at a later stage.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved unanimously to approve the 2018 Schedule of Work for distribution to the Student Experience Committee (SEC) and publication as part of the minutes for public consumption. Proposed by Dee Zegarac and seconded by Sam Hurrell.

7.3 UPDATE ON THE OVERVIEW OF THE SRC BUDGET PROCESS FOR 2018

The Committee noted that the 2018 proposed budget has been increased from approximately \$170,000 to \$190,000.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved unanimously to approve the overview of the SRC Budget process for 2018 for distribution to the SEC and publication as part of the minutes for public consumption. Proposed by Dee Zegarac and seconded by Sam Hurrell.

8. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

The Committee noted that the University Council met on 26 October 2017 but no report was available as Cissy Shen did not attend this meeting by Skype.

ACTION:

Cissy Shen to provide the University Council updates at the next SRC meeting.

9. REPORT FROM STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE (SEC)

The Committee noted that no meeting of SEC has been held since the last SRC meeting.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

10.1 SRC 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE

Paper submitted by Governance Services.

Members were asked to determine the first meeting date in 2018 and the frequency of SRC meetings in 2018. It was suggested that the first meeting be scheduled between 6-8 February 2018 for potential O-Week discussions and a meeting preference form be circulated to members to determine the day/s of meeting. Members noted that this does not prevent SRC Sub-Committees meeting in January.

ACTION:

SRC Secretariat to circulate a preference of meeting form to members and provide the proposed meeting dates at the next meeting for discussion.

10.2 ELECTION FOR SRC SPOKESPERSONS

Paper submitted by Sam Hurrell, Undergraduate Representative from the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

The Chair reminded the meeting that whilst individual members are encouraged to express their personal views and have robust discussion among the members, the powers of the SRC are to be exercised by the SRC as a whole. Decisions must be made collectively and members should support the spirit of SRC decisions when dealing with other parties.

This proposal is to ensure all messages from SRC to other parties are consistent with SRC's decisions but does not prevent SRC members who are not elected as spokespersons from communicating with other parties on issues related to their constituents. However members should consult with the Chair of the Marketing and Communication Sub-Committee before any such discussions. Members agreed that a process around comments to student publications should be established.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to internally elect three (3) members to make any statement and conduct interviews with student publications on behalf of the SRC, and that SRC members who are not elected as spokespersons are to seek approval of the Marketing Sub-Committee to ensure a consistent message is maintained. Proposed by Sam Hurrell and seconded by Dee Zegarac. Eleven (11) votes in favour and four (4) abstentions.

ACTION:

SRC Secretariat to call for nominations. Should the number of nominations received be greater than the positions available, an electronic voting process will be conducted and the results are to be declared at the next meeting.

ACTION:

The elected spokespersons and Marketing and Communication Sub-Committee to establish a process around comments to student publications for the SRC's approval at the next meeting.

10.3 QUEERSPACE GRANT

Paper submitted by Paul Russell, GLBTIQ Students Representative.

Members noted the revised proposal tabled at this meeting which outlined a smaller grant proposal and that the computer item is to be deferred to the next meeting.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to approve a \$1,220 grant to be used to purchase items for the Queerspace. This fund will be managed and used by the Queer Collective executive for the benefit of all Queerspace users. Acquisitions will only be done with the consultation of Queerspace users. Proposed by Paul Russell and seconded by Sam Hurrell. Fourteen (14) votes in favour and one (1) abstention.

10.4 QUEER COLLECTIVE MARDI GRAS FLOAT GRANT

Paper submitted by Paul Russell, GLBTIQ Students Representative.

The Committee noted additional information tabled at this meeting including the statement from the Macquarie University Queer Collective Treasurer and that there is no further financial implication for this proposal as the Queer Collective already has \$1,500 in its account left over from previous SRC Grants.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved unanimously to approve the proposal to repurpose \$1,500 for the Queer Collective to spend on a Mardi Gras Float and celebrations. Proposed by Paul Russell and seconded by Sarah McCabe.

10.5 TRANSPORT CONCESSIONS FOR EXTERNAL STUDENTS

Paper submitted by Alex Cullen, Distance Students Representative.

Members noted that SRC has also been contacted to support changes to eligibility criteria for NSW Transport Concessions to International students.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to:

- agree in principle to support changes to eligibility criteria for NSW Transport Concessions to allow full time students, both local and international, who enrolled in external units to be eligible for transport concessions; and
- delegate to the Infrastructure Sub-Committee to draft a statement as well as a letter to the Minister for Transport calling for changes to eligibility criteria, for review and approval at the next SRC meeting.

Proposed by Alex Cullen and seconded by Mahyar Pourzand. Fourteen (14) votes in favour and one (1) abstention.

11. UPDATE FROM SUB-COMMITTEES

ACTION:

SRC Secretariat to circulate the up-to-date Sub-Committee information and membership to all SRC members.

11.1 INFRASTRUCTURE SUB-COMMITTEE

There was no report provided at this meeting. However it was noted that the members will meet before the end of 2017.

11.2 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Members congratulated Mahyar Pourzand on his appointment as the Chair for Marketing and Communication Sub-Committee.

11.3 STUDENT ELECTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

There was no report provided at this meeting. The next Sub-Committee meeting will be held on 27 November 2017.

11.4 STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE (SSAF), SRC BUDGET AND FINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

There is no update from this Sub-Committee.

11.4.1 November 2017 Funding Application Recommendations

Paper submitted by Dee Zegarac, SRC Treasurer

Maddison O'Gradey-Lee left the meeting at 6:58 pm during discussion of the grant application related to her.

The Committee noted that the individual grant for Maddison O'Gradey-Lee was recommended by the Walanga Muru Office as she will be presenting a workshop as well as speaking on a panel and running a side event on mental health and gender equality.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to approve a grant for Maddison O'Gradey-Lee of \$3,950, to attend the Commission on the Status of Women at UNHQ NYC subject to a post-event presentation to the SRC. Proposed by Dee Zegarac and seconded by Sam Hurrell. Thirteen (13) votes in favour and one (1) abstention.

Maddison O'Gradey-Lee re-joined the meeting.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to approve a grant for the Medical Science Society of \$3,000, for the Intervarsity Masquerade Charity Cruise event. Proposed by Dee Zegarac and seconded by Sam Hurrell. Fourteen (14) votes in favour and one (1) abstention.

12. QUESTION TIME

No questions were raised.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

13.1 ASSESSMENT POLICY POST-IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW: REQUEST FOR FEEDBACK

Members noted the outlined Disruptions to Studies Policy update and questioned the provision of case workers at Campus Wellbeing in relation to the impacts of this new policy.

ACTION:

An invitation be extended to Darren Peters, Director of Campus Wellbeing and Support Services, to attend and present at the next SRC meeting.

13.2 GRANT TO THE WOMEN'S COLLECTIVE

Paper submitted by Sam Hurrell, Undergraduate Representative for the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and Danica Zegarac Undergraduate Representative for the Faculty of Arts.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to approve a grant for the Women's Collective of \$3181, for the purposes of being spent on additional items for the Women's Room. Proposed by Sam Hurrell and seconded by Sarah McCabe. Fourteen (14) votes in favour and one (1) abstention.

13.3 GRANT FOR CLINICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY'S 2017 GRADUATION DINNER

Paper submitted by Sam Hurrell, Undergraduate Representative for the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Members noted that the requested grant is quite significant compared to other similar events and was submitted very late for consideration at this meeting. The Treasurer addressed the eligibility criteria for grants and confirmed that the Clinical Science Society has received a \$1,000 grant for a charity day recently.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to approve a grant of \$700 to support the Clinical Science Society's 2017 Inaugural Graduation Dinner. Proposed by Sam Hurrell and seconded by Tamara Paulin. Ten (10) votes in favour, four (4) votes against and one (1) abstention.

13.4 ATMS ON CAMPUS

Issue regarding a lack of ATMs on campus was addressed.

ACTION:

Campus Engagement to provide an update at the next meeting.

13.5 WALANGA MURU

Walanga Muru extends their appreciation to SRC for its contribution and to members who attended the Deadly Ball event which was a great success.

14. MEETING CLOSE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:28 pm.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee will be held on Thursday 14 December 2017.

CONFIRMED as a true record.

MS FIONA REED
CHAIR