



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE – MEETING SNAPSHOT

Here's a brief overview of the key decisions made and matters discussed by the Student Representative Committee (SRC) on 19 October 2017.

Overview

The full minutes of this meeting will also be on the website once they are ratified at the next meeting of the SRC (this will be held on 13 November 2017). The minutes are the formal record of the decisions made by the SRC, but the outline below gives you an overview of the important issues dealt with at the latest meeting.

Decisions made by the SRC

The SRC made the following decisions:

- **University Data Regarding Sexual Harassment and Sexual Assault:** The SRC recommended that the University commit to releasing the number of sexual harassment and sexual assault complaints and incidents that they receive each year.
- **Marriage Equality:** SRC members voted to express support for Marriage Equality. Nine members voted in favour, six members voted against and one member abstained.
- **2018 SSAF funding allocation:** The SRC nominated four members to consult with Campus Life on the allocation of SSAF funding for 2018 (the Assistant Chairperson (James Cummins), the Treasurer (Dee Zegarac), the Assistant Secretary (Alexander Hablutzel); and SSAF, SRC Budget and Finance Sub-Committee's Chairperson and Major Student Organisations Representative (Aidan Galea)).
- **Funding Applications:** The SRC approved the following funding applications:
 - Geoscience Society (\$1,200 for 2017 Macquarie University Science and Engineering Ball);
 - Clinical Science Society (\$1,055 for 'Racing Towards a Cure' – orienteering gala day to raise funds for MQ Cancer Research Programs);
 - Chess League (\$650 for end of semester party/ movie screening/ chess event);
 - Debating Society (\$1,000 - registration subsidy for World University Debating Championships);
 - Jesse Slok (conference costs only ~\$2,300); and
 - Tamil Sangam Society (\$500 for basketball tournament).

Other Matters

SRC also noted:

- a presentation from the Director of Individual Giving (Office of Advancement) on the Giving Day Campaign – members were invited to meet with the consultant on this project, Justin Ware in the "Pink Room", on level 3 at MUSE, on Wednesday 8 November from 3 pm to 4 pm;
- an update from the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Students) on student experience at the University, including an open invitation to SRC members to meet with Professor Wood to discuss any concerns;
- advice from the Chair regarding the current process for appointing Equity and Diversity (E&D) members on the SRC and the process for filling casual vacancies in the E&D positions. The SRC was advised that a number of members have submitted resignations, and the following positions are vacant:
 - Major Student Organisation Representative;
 - Student Representative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students; and
 - Student Representative for Women Students;
- the results of the recent interviews to fill other E&D positions on the SRC:
 - Distance Students Representative – Alex Cullen;
 - Postgraduate Student Representative from the Faculty of Human Sciences – Tamara Paulin; and
 - Postgraduate Student Representative from the Faculty of Science and Engineering – Runali Kamble;
- updates from the Sub-Committees, including information on proposals from the Elections Sub-Committee covering the filling of E&D positions on the SRC, proportional representation for faculties, approval of campaigning materials, allocation of students to faculties for voting, proxy voting at meetings and open sessions at meetings;

- members who are not currently on a Sub-Committee are asked to advise the SRC Secretariat which Sub-Committee (or Sub-Committees) they would like to join; also, the members of the Marketing Sub-Committee will need to elect a new Chair;
- Levels 3, 4 and 5 of the Library will have extended opening hours – the Library is working on an implementation date for this change;
- MUSE and Bassline hours have been extended and are now 7 am to 10 pm Monday to Friday, and 10 am to 6 pm on weekends;
- a request from the Senate Learning and Teaching Committee for feedback on possible amendments to the Assessment Policy related to hurdle assessments and the assessment of individual components of group assignments;
- an invitation to attend a briefing on the University's Access and Inclusion Plan 2018-2020 on 31st October from 2 pm to 3 pm – contact Anthony Ryan (Student Representative for Students with a Disability) for more information.