

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 3:00PM on Wednesday, 25 February 2025.

PRESENT:	<u>SRC Members</u> Aynaz Abdi – International Student Representative William Thomas – LGBTQIA+ Representative Amy Baran – Faculty of Arts Representative Kerem Teoman – Macquarie Business School Representative Elisha James – Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative Whitney Mueller – University Sport Representative Julius Bommers – Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative (online) Mary-Anne Thuy Van King – Women’s Representative (online) Mara Melanie Donaire (Ella) – Disability Representative (online) <u>Facilitators</u> Kamil Zielinski – SRC Secretary Vivian Chan – SRC Project Assistant <u>Guests</u> Dylan Crowther – Manager of First Year Experience & Peer Programs (online) Melroy Rodrigues – Acting Head of Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging (online) Grant Barton – Senior Consultant, Capability, Culture & Inclusion Josie Varlet – Head, Capability, Culture & Inclusion Magda Poulin – Consultant, Capability, Culture & Inclusion
APOLOGIES:	Will Law – Postgraduate Coursework Representative Annalise Hanger – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representative
ABSENT:	Lydia Piper – Student Member of Council Sarah Steele – Higher Degree Research Representative

SECRETARY: Kamil Zielinski

CHAIR: Elisha James – Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative

MINUTES

1. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1 Chair's Welcome, Quorum, and Apologies

- The Chair commenced the meeting at 3:03pm, noted apologies and welcomed the staff members present. Confirmed that quorum requirement of eight representatives had been met.

1.2 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

- No conflicts of interest declared.

1.3 SRC Budget Update

- The Chair and SRC Secretary provided overview of 2026 Budget.

Action Items:

- Nil

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2026 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

- Report not provided as Student Member of Council was not present at meeting.

4. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Gender Equity Action Plan

(For discussion)

- Senior Consultant, Capability, Culture & Inclusion provided overview of previous staff focused *Gender Equity Action Plan* which finished in 2021. Advised of regulatory requirements under new Gender-Based Violence (GBV) code stipulating that new plan must cover both staff and students.
- Senior Consultant, Capability, Culture & Inclusion advised of aim to have new *Gender Equity Action Plan* complete by October 2026 and outlined different teams that are being approached as part of consultation process.
- Senior Consultant, Capability, Culture & Inclusion provided background on university approach towards equity and opened discussion to committee to share their thoughts.
- Macquarie Business School Representative suggested possible collaboration opportunity between SRC and Capability, Culture & Inclusion in relation to SRC Cultural Festival on 18 March 2026.
- Faculty of Arts Representative raised discussion on *Gender Pay Gap*.

Action Items:

- SRC members to reach out to SRC Secretary with any additional feedback they have in relation to *Gender Equity Action Plan*.
- Capability, Culture & Inclusion team to reach out to SRC Project Assistant if they wish to explore means of being involved with SRC Cultural Festival.

4.2 Faculty of Arts Reform

(For discussion and voting)

- Faculty of Arts Representative provided overview of agenda item and opened discussion for SRC members to speak for and against motion.
- Committee discussed impact of reforms and explored options for how SRC could proceed. Committee queried channels for disseminating promotional material and discussed effectiveness of different outreach strategies. Discussed possible collaboration with Grapeshot and publicly available financial reporting of university.
- Chair reiterated that any conflicts of interest must be declared prior to any voting taking place and none were declared.

Resolution:

- Chair held vote for \$300 allocation from SRC *Hero event 3* to fund printing and promotional material for *Stop MQ Cuts* campaign. Motion has passed.
 - Motion was found to be invalid due to undeclared conflict of interest from Faculty of Arts Representative during meeting. Motion was recirculated to committee via circular resolution, conflict of interest was declared by Faculty of Arts Representative, and motion was rejected.
- Chair held vote for reaching out to Grapeshot in relation to promoting *Stop MQ Cuts Campaign* through social media and magazine publication. Motion has passed.
 - Motion was found to be invalid due to undeclared conflict of interest from Faculty of Arts Representative during meeting. Motion was recirculated to committee via circular resolution, conflict of interest was declared by Faculty of Arts Representative, and motion was approved.

Action Items:

- SRC Secretary to reach out to Grapeshot regarding promotion of *Stop the Cuts* campaign via social media and magazine publication.

4.3 SRC Merchandise Funds Reallocation

(For discussion and voting)

- SRC Project Assistant provided overview of existing utilisation of 2026 SRC Budget categories. Committee discussed different budget categories as possible areas to redirect funds for merchandise reallocation.

Resolution:

- Chair held vote for \$7,285.58 reallocation from *Hero event 2* for SRC Merchandise. Motion has passed unanimously.

Action Items:

- SRC Secretary to update 2026 SRC Budget accordingly in relation of \$7,285.58 reallocation for SRC Merchandise.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 SRC Cultural Festival

- SRC Project Assistant reminded SRC members of this upcoming event and encouraged members to be involved.

Action Items:

- Nil

5.2 SRC Kickstart Debrief

- SRC Project Assistant provided debriefing of SRC Kickstart stall.

5.3 Automatic Assessment Extension

- Macquarie Business School Representative suggested Macquarie University should offer students automatic three-day extension for assessments without needing to go through special consideration.
- Disability Representative shared link to existing automatic three-day extension offered to students by Macquarie University commencing Session 1 2026.

Action Items:

- Nil

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) is yet to be determined. All agenda items must be submitted to the Secretary at least 10 business days in advance by emailing SRCSecretariat@mq.edu.au.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairperson at 4:24 PM.