MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 3:00PM on Wednesday, 29 April 2026.

PRESENT:	SRC Members Whitney Mueller – University Sport Representative Julius Bommers – Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative William Thomas – LGBTQIA+ Representative Elisha James – Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative Annalise Hanger – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representative (online) Mary-Anne Thuy Van King – Women's Representative (online) Jongho (Pedro) Roh – Student Member of Council (online) Mara Melanie Donaire (Ella) – Disability Representative Kerem Teoman – Macquarie Business School Representative Facilitators Kamil Zielinski – SRC Secretary Guests Dylan Crowther – Manager of First Year Experience & Peer Programs Melroy Rodrigues – Acting Head of Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging (online)
APOLOGIES:	Will Law – Postgraduate Coursework Representative Amy Baran – Faculty of Arts Representative Aynaz Abdi– International Student Representative
ABSENT:	

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 seven representatives had been met.

1.2 Disclosure of Conflicts of Interest

- No conflicts of interest declared.

1.3 SRC Budget Update

- SRC Secretary provided overview of remaining 2026 SRC Budget.
  - Provided clarification on how SRC Budget is approved
  - Provided update on *Professional photography headshots*
  - Discussed *Marketing promotions/Merchandise* budget category.
    - The deficit in this budget category has been rectified as per a vote of the February SRC Meeting

Action Items:

- Nil

Spending Approvals:

- The following items of expenditure have been approved by SRC since the previous meeting held on 25 February 2026:
  - Spending of $3,708.00 for purchase of SRC inflatable
  - SRC Grant of $5,801.00 for Alanah Meg Gorman to attend Bioarchaeological Field School
  - SRC Grant of $1,263.00 for Julia Gordon to attend ESA-SRB-ANZOS Conference.
  - SRC Grant of $780.00 for Tanvee Manocha to attend Welcoming Australia Symposium conference.
  - SRC Grant of $10,000.00 for Johann Coronado to partake in World Human Powered Speed Challenge.
  - SRC Grant of $3,500.00 for Nelson Lanfear to facilitate Women's Self Defence workshop.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

2.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2026 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

- Student Member of Council advised *2026 Strategy* has been approved.
- Student Member of Council discussed social licence of university and the impact of this on financial operating status and public perception.

- Discussed importance of striking the right balance between academic opportunities for students and services to the public and government.

4. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.1 Parking On Campus

(For discussion)

- Student Member of Council provided background on previous steps taken by committee in relation to *Parking on Campus* initiative.
  - Provided rationale for this initiative of addressing issues relating to equity and fairness.
  - Advised that solution would be striking balance between what students are prepared to pay and the realistic costs of running the parking lots.
- Student Member of Council provided overview of previous parking survey results. Discussed correspondence with Rorden Wilkinson (Deputy Vice-Chancellor Academic) and Robin Payne (Vice-President of Finance & Resources) based on these survey results.
- Student Member of Council shared PowerPoint presentation discussing key parking data including:
  - Comparison of parking rates between different parking lots on campus
  - Comparison of parking rates between years
  - Comparison of parking rates between universities
- Student Member of Council proposed the following areas of focus when meeting with university senior leadership team:
  - Fixed pricing across all parking lots
  - Improving affordability through price reductions
    - This would increase revenue through greater numbers of students paying for parking
  - Understand priorities of university to mount effective case in support of parking reform
- Student Member of Council suggested the following may need to be followed up on:
  - Receive update on parking registration numbers from Head of Security
  - Meet with Head of Security to discuss initiative
  - Clarification on new parking scheme
- Committee discussed creating working group for *Parking on* Campus and the following SRC members expressed interest in being involved.
  - Student Member of Council
  - Macquarie Business School Representative
  - University Sport Representative
  - Faculty of Science and Engineering Representative

Action Items:

- Student Member of Council to create working group in relation to *Parking on Campus*.

4.2 Pride Stall

(For discussion and voting)

- LGBTQIA+ Representative provided overview of motion including implementation and resourcing.
- Manager of First Year Experience & Peer Programs clarified that committee should consider if they require casual staff resourcing for implementation. Proposed that committee could consider collaborating with Student Life if they wish to secure greater resourcing for event.

- University Sport Representative suggested reaching out to staff from *Capability, Culture & Inclusion* who attended February SRC Meeting as they may be interested in supporting this event.

Resolution:

- Chair held vote for approval of $120 reallocation from *Hero event 3* to support this initiative. Motion passed.

Action Items:

- SRC Secretary to reach out to Grant Barton, Josie Varlet and Magda Poulin from *Capability, Culture & Inclusion* team to collaborate on event.

4.3 Iran War

(For discussion and voting)

- Deferred to following meeting as Faculty of Arts Representative was an apology for this meeting.

Action Items:

- SRC Secretary to add this motion to agenda of next SRC meeting.

4.4 NTEU Enterprise Bargaining

(For discussion and voting)

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Action Items:

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5. OTHER BUSINESS

5.1 SRC Campus Activation

- Macquarie Business School Representative proposed that committee consider small scale activation on campus to promote SRC.
- Committee considered several ideas including:
  - Twilight market involvement through U@MQ contact Luke Heckendorf
  - Destress for Success involvement (e.g. Petting Zoos)
  - Collaborating with student group and funding them through SRC Budget
  - Collaborating with Ubar events
  - Stall activation outside MQ Library

Action Items:

- SRC Secretary to share *Destress for Success* schedule with committee for possible alignment with SRC activation.
- SRC Secretary to reach out to Ubar to investigate collaboration opportunities with SRC.

5.2 Subsidised Food on Campus

- SRC Secretary shared the following *Subsidised food on campus* offer to be implemented as part of approved SRC Budget:

Breakfast Offer
Beverage options: small hot drink
Food option: croissant – cinnamon scroll – toast w butter/jam/vegi/peanut butter
Student payment: $5
Uni Subsidy: $5

Lunch Offer
Beverage options: small hot or cold drink
Food option: cheese & tomato sandwich
ham & cheese sandwich
ham, cheese & tomato sandwich
bacon & egg roll
Student payment: $8
Uni Subsidy: $6

Action Items:

- Nil

5.3 SRC Project Assistant

- SRC Secretary provided update on recruitment process and Manager of First Year Experience & Peer Programs elaborated on this and advised that SRC will make final decision as to who to hire.

Action Items:

- Nil

5.4 IDAHOBIT Colour Run

- Student Member of Council queried whether SRC would like to be involved in IDAHOBIT Colour Run and provided brief overview of this event. Committee expressed support in relation to this

Action Items:

- Nil

5.5 AI Notetaking

- SRC Secretary broached the notion of incorporating AI notetaking into SRC meetings and sought committee views on this where concern was expressed in relation to accuracy of notetaking.
- Manager of First Year Experience & Peer Programs provided context and clarified that concerns that the committee might have could relate to privacy and data retention.

Action Items

- SRC Secretary to investigate the feasibility of trialling AI notetaking at the next SRC Meeting.

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 4:15 PM.