

## MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 5.30 pm on Thursday 4 May 2017 in the Academic Senate Room, Level 3, 16 Wally's Walk (C8A).

**PRESENT:** Fiona Reed (Chair) Courtney Knight Ryan Thalari  
Shantell Bailey Lachlan McGrath Freya Wadlow  
Elizabeth Carter Jacqueline Olling Yi Wong

**APOLOGIES:** Alistair Booth Sherry Shi David Yao  
Tristan Warren Freya Wadlow

**ABSENT:** Kieren Ash Lachlan Greenberg

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Kim Guerin, Director of Campus Life  
Professor Kevin Jameson, Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Registrar  
Megan Kemmis, University Committee Secretary and Manager of Secretariat Services  
Zoe Williams, Head of Governance Services

**SECRETARIAT:** Air Sinthawalai, Governance Officer

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### 1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

On behalf of the SRC members, Ms Shantell Bailey provided the Acknowledgement of Country at the beginning of this meeting.

### 2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Chair welcomed members and noted the following:

- Apologies from Alistair Booth, Courtney Knight, Jacqueline Olling, Sherry Shi, Freya Wadlow and David Yao; and
- a statement from Mr Booth on his period of membership with the SRC.

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

- Professor Kevin Jameson - Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Registrar
- Kim Guerin – Director of Campus Life
- Megan Kemmis - University Committee Secretary and Manager of Secretariat Services

The Committee noted that the meeting was not quorate and all resolutions are to be circulated for electronic approval.

#### 2.1 INTRODUCTION OF PROFESSOR KEVIN JAMESON, THE INTERIM DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR (ACADEMIC) AND REGISTRAR

Professor Jameson introduced himself to the members and spoke briefly about his vision for the role of Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Registrar. He stressed his willingness to engage with the committee and encouraged members to provide feedback on any issues.

Members raised the following matters:

- access to meet and discuss student matters directly with DVC (A) and Registrar should be available as it was with the DVC (Students and Registrar);
- strong support and participation of the DVC(A) and Registrar on the Respect.Now.Always

- campaign is vital in dealing with the issue of sexual assaults on campus;
- an ongoing issue with lighting on campus for the safety of all students, staff and visitors. Members expressed that they need more guidance to process this initiative; and
- ensuring current SRC initiatives are continued and identifying responsibility for the handover process to the new Treasurer.

**ACTION:**

1. Lighting concern to be referred to the DVC (A) and Registrar as an issue that has been repeatedly raised.
2. Current members are to be invited to attend and meet the new SRC members at the next SRC meeting on 29 May 2017.
3. Governance Services to provide the list of SRC resolutions at the next meeting for discussion with new SRC members.

Professor Jameson thanked members of their contribution and departed the meeting at 6.15pm.

**3. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest.

**4. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA**

**4.1 ADOPTION OF UNSTARRED ITEMS**

All agenda items were addressed.

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1 THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 3 APRIL 2017 ARE PROVIDED**

**ACTION:**

Members to approve the minutes of the meeting held 3 April 2017 as a true and accurate record by circular resolution.

**6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**6.1 SUMMARY OF ACTIONS FROM THE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 3 APRIL 2017**

Update on the outstanding action items from the previous meetings which are not discussed in any other item:

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the SRC and Grapeshot  
Completed, the draft MoU has been submitted to the Head of Governance Services and feedback has been received.

Mr McGrath advised that Grapeshot does not agree on the rules of confidentiality outlined in the MOU and that as a result the agreement has now been cancelled. Considering the current SRC members' term of office will conclude on 13 May 2017, it would be appropriate for the new SRC members to revisit and discuss this resolution if considered appropriate.

**ACTION:**

The next group of SRC members to revisit this resolution at a future meeting.

- Candidates Briefing Session for Student Elections  
An invitation email was circulated to all members. Mr Booth and Mr McGrath attended the session and provided a brief introduction on the SRC.

**7. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL**

The University Council met on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 where Mr McGrath attended on behalf of the SRC representative on the SEC.

The Council approved changes to the Academic Senate Rules in order to reflect MGSM's new status within

the Faculty of Business and Economics.

**8. REPORT FROM STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE (SEC)**

SEC has not meet since the last SRC meeting on 3 April 2017.

**9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**9.1 WELCOME OR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF COUNTRY**

Submitted by Shantell Bailey, Student Representative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students.

The Committee noted that the 'Acknowledgement of Country' is now a standing item on the SRC agenda and viewed the [Acknowledgment of Country Video](#) developed by Walanga Muru. This welcome video will be presented to new students during orientation weeks.

The reconciliation action plan (RAP) launch event will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May and all SRC members are welcome to attend. Members acknowledged Walanga Muru's great contribution and suggested that the video and events should also be forwarded to student groups to engage a wider group of students.

**ACTION:**

That the SRC begin future meetings with an *Acknowledgment of Country* and that this be a shared responsibility among the committee with members taking turns to Acknowledge Country.

AND

That a protocol be developed between the incoming Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Student Representative, the Indigenous Student Association and Walanga Muru for approaching students to deliver an Acknowledgement or Welcome to Country at SRC events.

**9.2 CULTURAL SAFETY TRAINING**

Submitted by Shantell Bailey, Student Representative for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students.

Members noted that Walanga Muru will be offering Cultural Competency workshops and sharing circles which are designed to share information involving the proposed development of a cultural competency-training package for Macquarie University.

The training package is expected to take up to 12 months to develop and test. Walanga Muru staff have identified that there will be a lot of work around the terminology, and Ms Knight has volunteered to assist them with this.

**ACTION:**

Members to encourage the incoming Student Representative Committee members to complete cultural safety training (currently being developed by Walanga Muru) at some point to be determined during their two year term.

**9.3 STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE UPDATE**

Although Ms Wong's term of office will conclude on 13 May 2017, she will ask to attend SRC future meetings in order to provide regular updates on this project.

**ACTION:**

Members to note the progress being made in relation to the Student Legal Service.

**10. UPDATE FROM SRC TREASURER**

Members noted that the Treasurer is currently processing the existing applications and expected an application from the Women's Collective. \$5400 has been spent in the past 4 weeks. The projected budget is \$26,500 and SRC has spent \$24,329 to date.

**11. UPDATE FROM SUB-COMMITTEES**

**11.1 MAJOR STUDENT ORGANISATION (MSO) SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee noted that as Mr Yao was absent for this meeting there was no report from the MSO.

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

Please refer to item 10.

**11.3 MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Committee noted that Mr Booth reached out to other members asking for statements to be published on MyMQ in order to promote the SRC elections. Ms Williams provided clarification around Mr Booth's nomination as a candidate for Council student member position, advising that where a Council student member has previously served on the SRC they would have the right to attend and to address SRC meetings with permission of the Chair but would have no voting rights.

**11.4 PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE**

No report was provided to the meeting.

**11.5 LEGAL CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Please refer to item 9.3.

**12. QUESTION TIME**

**12.1 SRC Elections**

Members questioned the process of appointing members to the positions where no nominations were received at the date and time that nominations have closed. Members were informed that in accordance with the SRC Constitution, page 46, Schedule 5, Clause 4.2(b):

*If nobody stands for election to the position of an Elected SRC Member, the position must as soon as practicable be filled by an eligible person appointed by the Selection Committee from persons nominated by the Vice-Chancellor.*

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**13.1** Ms Guerin and the Chair thanked members on behalf of the University and Campus Life for their participation and contribution during their time on the SRC, particularly highlighting Re:conception Day and the Fairy Lights on Wally's Walk as examples of their commitment to achieve positive change for students at the University.

In turn, SRC members thanked the Chair, Ms Guerin, Ms Williams, Ms Sinthawalai and Ms Kemmis for their work in support of the Committee.

**14. MEETING CLOSE**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.56 pm.

**15. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee will be held on Monday 29 May 2017.

**CONFIRMED** as a true record.

**MS FIONA REED**

**CHAIR**