



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 9:00am on Wednesday 11th September 2024 in person and via Zoom link.

PRESENT:	<p>SRC Members</p> <p>Ria Prasad – Women’s Representative Coco Chen –Macquarie Business School Undergraduate Representative Anna Smith – Official University Sport Representative Annalise Pollard – LGBTQIA+ Representative Pedro Roh – Member of Council Kathy Htun –Faculty of Science and Engineering Undergraduate Representative Aaron Douglas – Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative</p> <p>Student Guests</p> <p>Emily McLeod – Student of Faculty of Arts</p> <p>Staff</p> <p>Professor Leanne Piggott – Pro Vice-Chancellor and Dean of Students Melinda Chadwick – Head of Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging Kamil Zielinski – Secretary</p>
APOLOGIES:	<p>Aaryan Shah – Disability Representative Rhys Collyer – Postgraduate Representative Hansani Daluwatta Galappaththige – HDR Representative</p>
ABSENT:	<p>Wanjing Xiao – International Student Representative Reece Nuttall – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representative</p>

SECRETARY: Kamil Zielinski

CHAIR: Ria Prasad – Women’s Representative

MINUTES

1. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair commenced meeting at 9:02 AM. The Chair provided an Acknowledgement of Country.

1.2. Chair's Welcome, Quorum, and Apologies

The Chair noted apologies and welcomed the staff members present.

1.3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

- 2.1. The Student Representative Committee resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28 August 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

3.1 Proposed Faculty of Arts Professional Staff Transformation

- Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative offered his view that cuts to faculty were impacting on degree options and job security of staff. Expressed view that SRC is failing to represent students by not taking a stance in relation to this matter.
- Emily McLeod was invited to speak to provide greater context in relation to the impact of these reforms on students. Discussed impact on student ratios and suggested that reforms are based on improving financial position of faculty from perspective of external stakeholders.
- Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative expressed bewilderment that this matter would not be voted on during the meeting and requested to bring protestors from downstairs into the meeting to hear their perspective on matter.
- Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative left room to bring protestors into meeting despite this being in clear contravention of the directive of The Chair. Protestors proceeded to interrupt meeting and threatened to not leave until motion was voted on.
- Member of Council queried whether changes were based on *Secure Jobs Better Pay Act 2022*, and it was suggested by protestors that this was a directive of Macquarie University and not legislation based. Member of Council advised that no submissions have been provided in relation to voting on this which was reiterated by The Chair.
- Dean of Students asked The Chair if the SRC wished to discuss the wording of the motion with just SRC representatives before it is voted on and The Chair agreed to this.
- The Chair formally advised protestors to leave meeting at 9:36am so SRC could proceed with a discussion of the motion without the protestors in the room.

- The Chair repeatedly asked protestors to leave meeting including asking Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative to walk the protestors out, which he refused to do.
- The meeting was brought to close by The Chair at 9:40am due to noncompliance of protestors to leave meeting and ongoing disruption. Agenda points 3.2 and 3.3 will be moved to next meeting for discussion.

Action Items:

- Dean of Students to follow-up on the Chair's request of the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Arts Dean (Professor Chris Dixon) for him or another Faculty representative to attend next SRC meeting to discuss the staff cuts.

3.2 Subsidised Meals
(*motion for voting*)

- Deferred to following meeting

Action Items:

- Nil

3.3 SRC Logo Rebranding

- Deferred to following meeting

Action Items:

- Nil

4 OTHER BUSINESS

- Nil

Action Items:

- Nil

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) will be held at 2:00pm on Thursday, 10 October. All agenda items must be submitted to the SRCSecretariat@mq.edu.au by Thursday, 26 September 2024.

Due to ongoing disruption, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 9:40am.