

## MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 9:00am on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024 in person and via Zoom link.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	<p>SRC Members</p> <p>Chair: Ria Prasad – Women’s Representative</p> <p>Coco Chen – Macquarie Business School Undergraduate Representative</p> <p>Anna Smith – Official University Sport Representative</p> <p>Annalise Pollard – LGBTQIA+ Representative</p> <p>Reece Nuttall – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representative</p> <p>Pedro Roh – Member of Council</p> <p>Kathy Htun – Faculty of Science and Engineering Undergraduate Representative</p> <p>Aaron Douglas – Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative</p> <p>Hansani Daluwatta Galappaththige – HDR Representative</p> <p>Student Guests</p> <p>Jonathan Yang – Member of Academic Senate</p> <p>Staff Guests</p> <p>Professor Leanne Piggott – Dean of Students</p> <p>Melinda Chadwick – Head of Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging</p> <p>Brett Morley – Manager of University Sport</p> <p>Danny Zhu – Manager of Food and Beverage</p> <p>Bella Galea – Manager of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (Secretary)</p> <p>Kamil Zielinski – Assistant Secretary</p>
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	Aaryan Shah – Disability Representative
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<p>Wanjing Xiao – International Student Representative</p> <p>Rhys Collyer – Postgraduate Representative</p>

**SECRETARY:** Bella Galea & 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 30 July 2024 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

## **3. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

### **3.1 Student Engagement Food Hub Initiative**

- The Head of Student Engagement provided an update on the Food Hub initiative including daily replenishment of Breakfast Bar and engaging with Food Bank to receive free shipments.

#### **Action Items:**

- Head of Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging to send Food Hub designs and types of food to the Assistant Secretary for dissemination to the SRC for feedback.

### **3.2 Subsidised Meals**

- Manager of Food and Beverage provided update on subsidised meals including flexibility to regularly change meals depending on seasons and preferences.

#### **Action Items:**

- Head of Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging to speak with Manager of Food and Beverage and provide to the SRC numbers regarding subsidised meals initiative.

### **3.3 Grapeshot Engagement Update**

- Manager of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion provided update on Grapeshot Engagement with a view to connect SRC with Grapeshot.
- An idea for further SRC discussion whether Grapeshot might be integrated within the SRC as a subcommittee.
- The SRC queried whether this would entitle Grapeshot executive voting power. This requires further discussion.
- If Grapeshot join as a sub-committee of the SRC the Terms of Reference would need to be amended accordingly and adopted by the SRC.
- Dean of Students outlined the bigger plan around 10HA to activate the building and have it as a student hub.

#### **Action Items:**

- Head of Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging to discuss idea of Grapeshot becoming a sub-committee of the SRC with the Grapeshot executive and if they are interested in further discussion, invite Chief Editor and Deputy Editor of Grapeshot to next SRC meeting.
- Dean of Students to invite representative from Property to discuss plans for 10HA.

### **3.4 Lighting on Campus Update**

- Dean of Students provided update on lighting and advised that Property is keen to continue liaising with SRC on this issue.
- Two areas of concern identified in relation to lighting:
  - Pathway between 12SW and 14SW has lots of lighting but had faulty lights so all globes have been replaced. There are still some intermittent outages, so contractors have been advised accordingly and have been asked to fix the problem.
  - Pathway between Dunmore Lang College and Robert Menzies College lighting was checked on two consecutive days at 5AM and they were operational with ample lighting.
- Pathway between MQBS and Metro Station was also raised as an issue by Member of Council in relation to risk of mugging and Manager of University Sport suggested security could adjust patrols to focus on that area.
- LGBTQIA+ Representative questioned how far Macquarie University duty of care extends and Dean of Students clarified that anyone within grounds of university is covered in relation to insurance and security. Metro Station is not within jurisdiction of Macquarie University. Representative raised point about discussing security cameras.

#### **Action Items:**

- Dean of Students to invite representative from Property to next SRC meeting to discuss general maintenance in relation to how often campus lighting is checked.
- Dean of Students to invite Campus Security Manager (John Durbridge) to next SRC meeting to discuss campus security concerns.
- Assistant Secretary to add point about security cameras to agenda of next SRC meeting.

### **3.5 Macquarie University Sports and Aquatic Centre Equitable Access**

- Manager of University Sport provided update on Macquarie University Sports and Aquatic Centre in relation to student membership. Advised currently 2,379 student members encompassing 55% of all memberships with 37% discount for students.
- Suggested that further discount on memberships may result in same students who are currently using free facilities and questioned how a new offering can be created to attract students who do not engage at all with sporting facilities.
- SRC discussed strategy of Fitness First conducting targeted marketing at Metro Station which would create challenge for Macquarie University Sports and Aquatic Centre to market to students. Manager of University Sport advised of flexible membership options that university offers which are often not offered by other providers.
- Dean of Students suggested putting on next SRC meeting agenda a point about discussing proposals for increasing student engagement and then Manager of University Sport could return for the following meeting to offer his thoughts.

#### **Action Items:**

- Assistant Secretary to add point to next SRC meeting agenda about discussing options to increase student engagement with fitness options on campus.
- Assistant Secretary to invite Brett Morley and David Mudd to the October/November SRC meeting.

### **3.6 SRC Room Movement**

- Manager of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion advised that most student based groups will be moving to 10HA including relocation of furniture and IT equipment. Must ensure that new space is large enough to accommodate SRC.
- Advised that role of SRC Secretary will move from Dean of Students Operations to Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging.

#### **Action Items:**

- Nill

### **3.7 MQ Outreach**

- Member of Academic Senate provided update on his perspective of Academic Senate as a student representative of Faculty of Arts and issues with regards to succession as his tenure is expiring.
- Main objective of his current outreach program is to advise students of opportunities in Academic Senate and for both Academic Senate and SRC to be visible together. Advised that nominations for Academic Senate will be released today.

#### **Action Items:**

- Nill

## **4 OTHER BUSINESS**

- Member of Council Representative raised several points in relation to Terms of Reference that are not currently abided by:
  - Section 39: the SRC Annual Report is not currently available on the University website. Manager of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion advised that recent reports had not been published as they were internal documents only.

- Offered to make previous reports available and circulate new template early to SRC.
  - Section 42: social media presence not being maintained and can discuss reactivating presence.
  - Section 92B: meeting minutes have not been updated to website since 2021.
- Faculty of Science and Engineering Undergraduate Representative raised idea of visual rebranding of SRC to add more personality to committee once relocated to 10HA. Logo competition for SRC had been discussed previously.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Representative queried if SRC has plans to bring back the student union and Dean of Students advised there are currently no plans to do so and that SRC is the primary representative student group.
- Dean of Students asked for comments from SRC representatives regarding the motion about the Faculty of Arts staff cuts submitted by the Faculty of Medicine, Health and Human Sciences Representative and raised at start of meeting. Dean of Students suggested that the SRC consider the motion and any suggested edits by other representatives at an out of calendar meeting before the next meeting in a month's time. SRC representatives discussed other information that would be helpful to the discussion including a representative from the Faculty of Arts who might attend next SRC meeting to discuss the proposed cuts.

**Action Items:**

- Manager of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to make annual reports available on iLearn.
- Manager of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion to make meeting minutes available on university website.
- Assistant Secretary to add discussion point about SRC logo rebranding to agenda of next SRC meeting.
- Head of Student Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging to reach out to Group Marketing with SRC logo design concepts.
- Assistant Secretary to add point to next agenda to discuss cuts to Faculty of Arts.
- Dean of Students to reach out to Faculty of Arts Dean (Professor Chris Dixon) to request representative to attend next SRC meeting to discuss Faculty of Arts cuts.

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**QUESTION TIME**

- Discussion from SRC committee regarding proposed dates for future meetings and a special meeting in two weeks to discuss the Arts motion.

**Action Items:**

- Assistant Secretary to poll SRC Representatives to confirm most suitable dates for meetings moving forward.

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**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) will be on Wednesday 11 September; all agenda items must be submitted to the [SRCSecretariat@mq.edu.au](mailto:SRCSecretariat@mq.edu.au).

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chairperson at 10:11 AM.