

MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 5.30 pm on Monday 13 May 2019 in the Senate Meeting Room, Level 3, 16 Wally's Walk.

PRESENT:	Alex Cullen Leanne Freame Aidan Galea Neenah Gray	Alexander Hablutzel Kimberly La Heather Lockwood Maddison O'Gradey-Lee	Anthony Pintado Paul Russell Anthony Ryan Anthony Shi
APOLOGIES:	Fiona Reed (Chair) McKenzie Kirby-Brown	Sarah McCabe Caitlin Rhodes	Cissy Shen
ABSENT:	James Cummins Kundyz Khaulanbyek	Tamara Paulin Zwe Paing Sett	
IN ATTENDANCE:	Kylie Ebert - Director, Student Life James Booth – Grapeshot Editor in Chief Megan Kemmis - University Committee Secretary and Manager of Secretariat Services Incoming SRC members: Ibrahim A Ibrahim Shlomie Bension Anna Cheng Jarod Cunningham Max Gale UK (Utkarsh) Gautum		
	Didhiti Girdhar Francisco Gutierrez Becerra Marlene Khouzam Masumi Parmar Jade Quisumbing Ateka Rajabi	Nadya Rykina-Tameeva Amanda Tan May Thet Naing Angus Webber Georgia Weeden Jayden Whites-Fruitrich	
SECRETARIAT:	Air Sinthawalai		

1. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Ms Neenah Gray provided an Acknowledgement of Country on behalf of the SRC.

ACTION:

The SRC Secretariat to find a volunteer for the Acknowledgement of Country at the next SRC meeting, 3 June 2019.

2. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

The Committee noted that the Chair was an apology for this meeting and Mr Alexander Hablutzel, the Assistant Secretary would chair this meeting.

The Assistant Secretary welcomed all current and incoming members and noted the apologies outlined above.

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

- Mr Adam Anderson - Executive Officer, Property;
- Mr Mark Broomfield - Director of Property;
- Mr James Booth – Grapeshot Editor in Chief;
- Ms Kylie Ebert - Director, Student Life; and
- Ms Megan Kemmis - University Committee Secretary and Manager of Secretariat Services

and that the quorum is met.

3. ARRANGEMENT OF AGENDA

3.1 Disclosure of conflicts of interest

- Ms Leanne Freame declared possible conflict of interest in relation to the Postgraduate items (items 10.2 and 10.3).

3.2 Adoption of unstarred items

The Committee resolved that the item 12.1 and 14.1 be noted, and where appropriate, adopted as recommended.

Ms Maddison O'Gradey-Lee joined the meeting at 5:53 pm.

4. PRESENTATIONS BY INVITED GUESTS

4.1 Campus Development Strategy Presented by Mark Broomfield, Director of Property.

Mr Broomfield provided an overview of the Campus Development Strategy which includes the establishment of the Incubator, new Biosciences Research building, new MUIC student and teaching spaces.

The Committee noted the construction work at the Faculty of Arts precinct which is due to complete at the end of 2019 and the Faculty will occupy the space in mid-2020. The constructions for the timber building and clinical education building are expected to complete by the first quarter of 2020 and the Central Courtyard Project will commence in the next few weeks; creating an activated space that differs from before. Ubar will become an activated green space after the move. The consultation process for the opening of the lake will take place in 6-9 months however Property has been holding regular meetings with the Aboriginal youth groups.

Mr Broomfield and Mr Anderson departed the meeting at 5:52 pm.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5.1 The Minutes of the previous meeting held 11 April 2019 are provided.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC approved the minutes of the meeting held 11 April 2019 as a true and accurate record.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 Summary of Outstanding Action Items

The Committee noted updates on the following items:

- Election of the new Infrastructure Subcommittee's Chairperson: The new Subcommittee's Chairperson has not been appointed however the members had a circular meeting and discussed an update on the 5 sleeping pods, which have been ordered for mid-June delivery, to be installed in Bassline;
- Global Voices: the incoming SRC members to discuss this project;
- SRC Financial Contribution to Re:Conception 2019: Mr UK Gautum attended the first Re:Conception Steering Committee meeting and advised that there is an active Facebook group chat.

ACTION: Campus Engagement to provide the information on accessibility at the next SRC meeting;

- Student elections: the incoming SRC members to discuss alternative selection processes for the SRC representative on the Selection Panel;
- Promoting Macquarie University Chess Festival event: the event has been shared on the Macquarie University Campus Facebook page.

7. UPDATE FROM SRC SPOKESPERSON

The Committee noted a request from Grapeshot in relation to the SRC financial information. The Treasurer's report from 2018 had been provided and the Treasurer will liaise with Campus Engagement for more detailed expenditure report.

8. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

There was no report provided at this meeting.

9. REPORT FROM STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE (SEC)

There was no report provided at this meeting.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

10.1 Sustainable SRC

Paper submitted by Ms Freame, Postgraduate Representative for Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

As the peak representative body for Macquarie University students, the SRC should lead by example, and make a commitment to be more environmentally conscious and make sustainable decisions in their conduct. As such, the incoming SRC members are asked to consider conducting eco-friendly SRC meetings and that a roster is needed for cleaning after each meeting.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to make a commitment to being more environmentally conscious in their decision making. This may start with the purchasing of sustainable crockery. Proposed by Ms Freame and seconded by Mr Hablutzel. Ten (10) votes in favour and two (2) abstentions.

ACTION:

Incoming SRC members to create a roster that two students per meeting clean up at the end.

10.2 SRC Postgraduate Conference Grants

Paper submitted by Ms Freame, Postgraduate Representative for Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.

There is a huge demand for Postgraduate students to attend conferences, both domestic and international in order to complete their studies and are often paid for out of pocket. The proposed grant limits are \$2,000 for domestic conferences and \$5,000 for international conferences. It is proposed that the applications be approved by the SSAF, SRC Budget and Finance subcommittee, due to the time sensitive nature of the grants, and be reported to the Committee at the following SRC meeting.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to approve the allocation of \$100,000 from the ex-MUPRA fund pool for the creation of a SRC Postgraduate Conference Funding Grants. Proposed by Ms Freame and seconded by Ms O'Gradey-Lee. Nine (9) votes in favour and three (3) abstentions.

10.3 Postgraduate Clubs and Societies Grants

Paper submitted by Ms Freame, Postgraduate Representative for the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences and Mr Alex Cullen, Distance Students Representative.

There are approximately eight Postgraduate student groups at Macquarie with many more that have Postgraduate student members. As part of the project of works approved for the use of the ex-MUPRA funds, various activities were proposed and supported by the SRC which would be targeted at Postgraduate students. Clubs and Societies Grants was included as one of these activities.

The Committee also noted the partnership between the City of Ryde and Venture Café to improve the amenities and open space in and around Macquarie Park. The Venture Café connects innovators and entrepreneurs with high-impact programming and interactive sessions. It provides an opportunity for researchers, students and professional staff to build relationships.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to approve the allocation of \$63,770 from the ex-MUPRA fund pool for the creation of a Postgraduate Clubs and Societies Grants. Proposed by Mr Cullen and second by Ms Kimberly La. Eight (8) votes in favour and three (3) abstentions.

11. UPDATE FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

11.1 Equity and Diversity Subcommittee

The Equity and Diversity Subcommittee's members had an online discussion and will form a meeting with the incoming E&D members.

11.2 Infrastructure Subcommittee

There was no report provided at this meeting.

11.3 Marketing and Communication Subcommittee

There was no report provided at this meeting.

11.4 Student Elections Subcommittee

There was no report provided at this meeting.

11.5 Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF), SRC Budget and Finance Subcommittee

11.5.1 May 2019 Grant Application

The Treasurer advised that the application from the Macquarie Disney Appreciation Society was primarily approved by the subcommittee via a circular motion however the Committee discussed the appropriateness of indirectly promote alcohol consumption by approving such funding. Members were concerned of students' safety and recommended that the application be reviewed.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to provide \$1,008 to the Macquarie Disney Appreciation Society for their pre-movie drinks for the screening of Aladdin; whereby \$500 must be spent on food and only \$508 be spent on drinks. Proposed by Ms Aidan Galea and seconded by Ms Neenah Gray. Nine (9) votes in favour, two (2) abstentions and one (1) vote against.

12. UPDATE FROM SRC TREASURER

12.1 SRC April 2019 Expenditure Report

Members noted the SRC April 2019 expenditure report as recommended.

RESOLUTION:

The SRC resolved to, in principle, approved the motion to become a university partner with Global Voices and provide financial support (approx. \$15,000) to provide MQU students with a scholarship to attend an international conference such as the Y20, World Health Assembly, UN, arranged by Global Voices. Proposed by Ms O'Gradey-Lee and seconded by Mr Paul Russell. Ten (10) votes in favour and one (1) abstention.

ACTION:

Campus Engagement to investigate an alternative budgeting source of up to \$15,000 for Global Voices.

12.2 Postgraduate Fund April 2019 Expenditure Report

Members noted the Postgraduate fund April 2019 expenditure report as recommended with minor amendment.

13. QUESTION TIME

13.1 Cultural awareness training for all student and staff bodies that are in governing positions

Members raised questions regarding the cultural awareness training for both student and staff bodies that are in governing positions as part of their induction and noted that there are training programs lead by Walanga Muru to build the cultural awareness of university staff and students. However, the timeframe to complete such training programs need to be confirmed.

ACTION:

Campus Engagement to arrange a training session for the new SRC members.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Nominations for SRC's Officer Bearers

The Committee noted that the call for nominations will be circulated to the incoming SRC members; for the positions of Assistant Chairperson, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary.

14.2 Postgraduate Activity Proposal

A new Postgraduate activity proposal will be presented at the next meeting.

14.3 Transport NSW

The Committee noted that the policy review on concessions for full-time domestic students with external units will be conducted at the end of May.

15. MEETING CLOSE

On behalf of the SRC Chairperson, the Assistant Secretary expressed his thank for all outgoing members' contributions in the past years and wished them success in all their future endeavours.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7:12 pm.

16. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee will be held on Monday 3 June 2019.

CONFIRMED as a true record.

MR ALEXANDER HABLUTZEL
SRC ASSISTANT SECRETARY