



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 6:00pm on Thursday 19th May 2022 in the Senate Room and via Zoom.

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| PRESENT: *Attended in Person | Udai Kamath (Alternate Chairperson) (Chair) Jarrod Currey Eryna Azmarin |
| * Attended via Zoom | Elizabeth Christie Amanda O'Neill Fatima Khan Kaitlin York Leila Maruca Pavel Pfitzer Saliha Rehanaz |
| APOLOGIES: | Claire Wescombe Curtis Micallef Jayden Whaites-Fruitrich Peshala Denagamage |
| ABSENT: | Allastassia Carter Jaesong Han Sadra Yousefi |
| IN ATTENDANCE: | Melinda Chadwick – Head of Engagement, Inclusion and Belonging |
| * Attended via Zoom | |

SECRETARIAT: Bella Galea –Governance (SRC) and Education Officer

MINUTES

1. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair commenced meeting at 6:12 pm. Eryna Azmarin provided the Acknowledgment of Country as per the text provided by the Office of the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy):

“I respectfully acknowledge the traditional custodians of the Macquarie University land, the Wallumattagal clan of the Dharug Nation. May we pay respects to the Elders, and knowledge holders who have, and continue to, pass on their knowledge and wisdom for the sustainability of our environments, our cultures, our education and our communities. May the ancestors spirits watch over us today to ensure that we have a successful and productive meeting and may we remember to tread lightly on our countries and to thoughtfully carry on the legacy of those that walked before us on this land.”

ACTION: Elizabeth Christie to provide the Acknowledgement of Country at the next meeting of the SRC, to be held on Monday 20th June 2022.

1.2. Chair's Welcome, Quorum, and Apologies

The Chair declared the meeting quorate and opened the meeting at 6:12pm, welcoming all attendees – both those in the room and those joining the meeting remotely.

The Chair explained that there have been many recent vacancies at the SRC and as a result the number required to meet quorum has reduced considerably.

The Chair noted that apologies were received from Claire Wescombe, Curtis Micallef, Jayden Whaites-Fruitrich and Peshala Denagamage and acknowledged the University staff in attendance.

1.3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

No conflicts of interest declared.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

2.1. The Minutes of the previous meeting held 28th April 2022 enclosed (For approval and review)

The Student Representative Committee resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 28th April 2022 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

3. REPORT FROM SRC TREASURER

3.1. SRC May 2022 Expenditure Report

Treasurer not in attendance, no update provided.

3.2. Postgraduate Fund (MUPRA) April 2022 Expenditure Report

Treasurer not in attendance, no update provided.

4. REPORT FROM SRC SPOKESPERSON/S

Eryna Azmarin: Not a lot of movement in the inbox, however, there has been more contact from the student societies about marketing activities. Multiple student grant enquiries about how to submit a grant and how the approval process works, often students following up on the status of grants. These are largely an issue due to the staffing changes within the SRC in recent months.

5. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

Student Representative to the University Council not in attendance no update provided.

6. REPORT FROM STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE

No meetings/updates since the previous meeting. Next meeting with the SEC will be scheduled for the middle of the examinations block on June 9.

7. REPORT FROM THE STUDENT JOURNEY & EXPERIENCE TASKFORCE

No meetings/updates since the previous meeting.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- 8.1** The SRC Terms of Reference submitted on March 17, 2022, briefly discussed and approved. Motion passed with 10 votes in favour.

(In favour: Pavel Pfitzer, Jarrod Currey, Eryna Azmarin, Fatima Khan, Elizabeth Christie, Saliha Rehanaz, Amanda O'Neill, Udai Kamath, Kaitlin York, Leila Maruca).

9. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

9.1. Marketing and Communications Subcommittee

Eryna Azmarin: Student Societies have reached out to the SRC seeking to have their events reposted on the SRC social media pages and platforms (Women in Business Society). The issue appears to be that the SRC is not reaching out to the student groups. The student groups are as a result, unaware that the SRC is able to promote student society events.

9.2. Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF), Budget and Finance Subcommittee

No current chair, and no updates from that subcommittee. Chair requiring election.

Grants in the approval queue, will have more grants for next meeting. Reminder that grants below \$2000 are discretionary. These grants are ready for the SSAF committee to approve.

9.3. Mental Health Subcommittee

No updates from that subcommittee.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Attendance and Members of the SRC:

The SRC members reminded of the importance of attending meetings as it is an essential part of their role as elected student representatives. If SRC representatives fail to attend 2 or more SRC meetings this may result in dismissal from the SRC.

10.2 SRC Visibility:

The SRC discussed visibility among the student population and how the SRC might improve reach within the student community. A subcommittee may be assigned to troubleshoot this issue.

10.3 Library Usage Survey & Initiative:

Udai has circulated a questionnaire on Library usage and a meeting has been arranged between University staff and Library staff to discuss the initiatives raised in the survey. Survey to be disseminated via the SRC social media accounts, spokespeople and marketing.

10.4 SRC Re-election for Vacant Positions

There will be a re-election for vacant SRC positions in the near future, no dates confirmed at this stage. SRC to contact Governance to discuss these positions.

10.5 Reconception Day

Reconception Day has been taken off the activation plan for Macquarie University. Main reasons; funding, inconsistency with culturally diverse student engagement and safety. Support and report has been very difficult to regulate in relation to this event. The Respect Now Always

campaign engagement also suggested the event should be paused indefinitely. If the event was to return in the future, the University would need to find ways to hold this event in a more appropriate manner with checks and balances in place for behavioural issues.

Jarrod discusses the possibility of entry fees, and the unfortunate nature of losing an event like Reconciliation Day for the university. Limited discussion of raising a motion in relation to this event in the future.

10.6 SRC Meeting Dates

Udai notes that SRC meetings should avoid being scheduled during the exam period.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) will be held Thursday, May 19 2022. Agenda items are due by Thursday 12 May 2022 via e-mail to SRCSecretariat@mq.edu.au.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed by the Chair at 7:44pm.