



MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) held at 7:00pm on Monday 17 May 2021 in Senate Room 127, 16 Wally's Walk (Lincoln Building) and via Zoom.

PRESENT:	Jayden Whites-Fruitrich (Alternate Chairperson) (Chair)
* <i>Attended via Zoom</i>	Alexander Hablutzel (Interim Treasurer and Student Member on University Council)
	Amanda O'Neill*
	Fatima Khan*
	Eryna*
	Allastassia Carter*
	Sheel Bhansali*
	Amy Lamont
	Saliha Rehanaz
	Peshala Denagamage
	Curtis Micallef
	Kaitlin York
	Claire Wescombe
	Pavel Pfitzner
	Jeremiah Diton
	Zarah Sully
	Harry Stone
	Jarred Curey
	Udai Kamath
	Ziyan Tejani
	Aakansha Jadhav
	Sadra Yousefi
APOLOGIES:	N/A
ABSENT:	N/A
IN ATTENDANCE:	Professor Mariella Herberstein – Interim Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic)
* <i>Attended via Zoom</i>	Jingmin Qian – Chair, Macquarie University Student Experience Committee
	Lilia Draganov – Senior Manager, Student Life
	Linda Breen – Director, Governance Services
	Ellen Carlson – Policy Manager, Governance Services
	Xuan Luu – Education Officer, Student Wellbeing, Equity and Inclusion*
SECRETARIAT:	Kimberly La – SRC Secretariat Officer (<i>Incoming</i>), Student Life

MINUTES

1. PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1.1. Acknowledgement of Country

The Chair commenced by providing an 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: Zarah Sully to provide the Acknowledgement of Country at the next meeting of the SRC, to be held on Thursday 1 July 2021.

1.2. Chair’s Welcome, Quorum, and Apologies

The Chair declared the meeting quorate and opened the meeting at 7:05pm, welcoming all attendees – both those in the room and those joining the meeting remotely.

1.3. Disclosure of conflicts of interest

The Chair called for members to disclose any conflicts of interest in relation to the items on the agenda.

None were declared and Kimberly La (Secretariat Officer) gave a brief summary and examples of what conflict of interests are.

2. PRESENTATIONS BY INVITED GUESTS

2.1. Opening remarks and welcome to new SRC membership from the Chair of the Student Experience Committee

Jingmin Qian welcomed the new SRC representatives and encouraged them to take on their new positions with a sense of pride and enthusiasm.

2.2. Brief address from the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic) and Registrar

Professor Herberstein addressed the SRC by congratulating them on their new roles and placing an emphasis on the importance of working in a team

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

3.1. The Minutes of the previous meeting held Thursday 22 April 2021

The Chair took the draft minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday 28 January 2021 as read. He explained that the new SRC is unable to confirm the minutes, as they were not in attendance, however, Jayden and Alex (in attendance 22 April), confirmed the meeting minutes.

3.2. Summary of outstanding action items

- Kimberly La (Secretariat Officer), to submit a motion for July 1, 2021 meeting so SRC can discuss whether they wish to renew the Postgraduate Conference Grant Initiative that was approved by SRC in 2019.
- 9 society grants outstanding from April 22 meeting that need to be approved.

4. REPORT FROM SRC TREASURER

4.1. SRC April 2021 Expenditure Report

The Interim Treasurer, Alex H, provided a verbal report on the SRC Expenditure Report, highlighting that the SRC was made aware of their budget for 2021 being \$80,000, at the previous meeting (April 22, 2021). However, he noted that there may be a budget review in August 2021, to increase SRC's budget to \$120,000. This was confirmed by Professor Herberstein

Treasurer's report was noted by the SRC.

4.2. Postgraduate Fund (MUPRA) April 2021 Expenditure Report

The Interim Treasurer, Alex H, noted the remaining amount of the MUPRA (postgraduate) funds to be \$259,000.

5. REPORT FROM SRC SPOKESPERSON/S

As this is the first meeting for the SRC cohort of 2021 – 2023, Kimberly La (Secretariat Officer) gave a background of how the role came to exist, which is to ensure there is consistent information being given out to the public, and to have access to our social medias and inboxes so spokespersons and relevant members are aware of what enquiries are being received.

Alex H gave further examples of what spokespersons can do

6. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY COUNCIL

University Council has not met since the previous meeting of the SRC, therefore there was no report to be provided.

Alex H explained his role as the Student Member on University Council and confirmed Jayden will be filling his position from June 1.

7. REPORT FROM STUDENT EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE

Student Experience Committee has not met since the previous meeting of the SRC, and therefore there was no report to be provided.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

8.1. Election of three members to SRC Executive positions (Assistant Chairperson; Treasurer; Assistant Secretary) for the current term of office

The Alternate Chair, Jayden Whaites, provided an overview of the expected responsibilities and obligations of the different executive positions. He also provided a brief description of the nomination process.

Resolution SRC 17/05

The Student Representative Committee RESOLVED to confirm their understanding of the SRC Executive positions

ACTION: SRC Secretariat Officer to send out call for nominations within a week.

8.2. Formulation of SRC Subcommittees for the current term of office

Jayden noted that subcommittees have been cut down to the minimum requirements, SSAF subcommittee and elections subcommittee.

Jayden explained the process of how new subcommittees can be formed, which is via a motion.

Resolution SRC 17/05

The Student Representative Committee RESOLVED to confirm their understanding of the formulation of SRC Subcommittees

8.3. Capacity-building and professional development for SRC representatives

Lilia provided a brief overview of what to expect in the SRC workshop in the holidays. This included leadership and conflict skills, as well as further assistance for being a proactive member of the SRC. She placed an emphasis on the support that will be given for advocacy and writing motions.

Resolution SRC 17/05

The Student Representative Committee RESOLVED to note their understanding of an upcoming workshop for capacity-building and professional development in the June-July holidays.

9. REPORTS FROM SUBCOMMITTEES

9.1. Student Elections Subcommittee

Not applicable as this is the first meeting for the SRC cohort of 2021 – 2023. No update provided.

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

Not applicable as this is the first meeting for the SRC cohort of 2021 – 2023. No update provided.

9.3. Report on April and May 2021 Grant Applications

Kimberly (Secretariat Officer) provided a verbal update on the grant applications that have been carried on from the April 22 meeting. She noted that herself, alongside Lilia, Alex H and Jayden, will decide how to proceed with these grant applications efficiently, given that the next SRC meeting is not until July 1, 2021.

13. QUESTION TIME

The Chair invited members to present questions to the staff in attendance. No questions were asked.

14. OTHER BUSINESS

14.1 Scoping SRC recommendations for strategic funding of O-Week activities in Session 2, 2021

No suggestions put forward.

15. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Student Representative Committee (SRC) will be held on Thursday 1 July 2021. Agenda items are due by Thursday 17 June 2021 via e-mail to SRCSecretariat@mq.edu.au.

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

CONFIRMED as a true and accurate record of the meeting and its proceedings.

Jayden Whaites-Fruitrich
SRC Assistant Chairperson

APPROVED BY CHAIR